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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCO-PAL CHURCH, SOUTH, convened in its Eighty-Second Session in Richmond, Va., November 15th, 1876.

Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, presiding.

The session of the Conference was opened with religious services conducted by Bishop Kavanaugh.

The roll of clerical and lay members was called by Rev. Paul Whitehead, Secretary of the last Conference.*

Paul Whitehead was elected Secretary, and P. A. Peterson, S. S. Lambeth and Geo. C. Vanderslice, Assistants.

The hour of meeting daily was fixed at 9:30 A. M., and of adjournment at 1:30 P. M.

The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the seventh pew, counting from the chancel.

On motion, a Committee on Public Worship was ordered to consist of the Presiding Elder of Richmond District, the preachers stationed in Richmond and Manchester, Thomas Branch and T. Wiley Davis.

The usual standing committees were then appointed, according to regulation of Conference, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.—W. W. Bennett, J. S. Hunter, Wesley C. Vaden, James W. Bledsoe, James O. Moss, Thomas L. Williams, Wm. E. Edwards, J. S. R. Clark, Joseph H. Amiss, Robert N. Sledd, Thomas Branch, F. H. Smith, Thos. Whitehead, R. E. Bouldin, T. T. Pettus, T. W. Mason, John T. West, W. T. Chandler, T. W. Anderson, W. T. Davis.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—Henry C. Cheatham, . F. J. Boggs, W. E. Judkins, Henry C. Bowles, J. W. Blincoe, Jas.

^{*}The Directory shows who were present during the session.

C. Martin, R. M. Saunders, J. B. Laurens, M. S. Colonna, John Bayley, Garrett Anderson, Jas. O. Shepherd, M. H. Garland, J. P. Ragland, W. W. Webb, Wm. Grant, Geo. L. Neville, C. C. Baker, James Cannon, J. A. Winfield.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—George H. Ray, James F. Twitty, J. E. McSparran, D. F. Hodges, J. R. Waggener, Geo. E Booker, Jas. L. Spencer, Josiah D. Hank, B. W. Daugherty, J. H. Riddick, S. D. Turner, Henry W. Murray, Frank B. Jones, J. H. Paylor, Thos. M. Leitch, John R. Kilby, Jos. H. Dawson, T. W. Garrett, J. E. Brodwater, W. H. Wheary.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, Paul Whitehead and John N. Jones, were appointed a Committee on Memoirs.

On motion of E. M. Peterson, R. A. Armistead and Leo. Rosser, were appointed a Committeee on the Bible Cause.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, E. N. S. Blogg was appointed to receive moneys and subscriptions for the Publishing House.

P. A. Peterson and J. A. Duncan moved a preamble and resolution as follows:

Whereas, The General Conference of the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South, did authorize the appointment of Commissioners, clothed with full power "to remove all obstacles to formal fraternity, and to adjust all existing difficulties between the two churches;" and whereas, the said Commissioners, in joint meeting, held at Cape May, N. J., on the 16th of August, 1876, did unanimously adopt a plan of settlement; and whereas, it seems proper that the Annual Conferences of our Church should give some expression of their views and feelings in regard thereto. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of nine to consider the subject and recommend such action in the premises as they may deem proper for this Conference to take. Adopted.

The following were appointed said committee:

P. A. Peterson, L. M. Lee, J. A. Duncan, J. P. Garland, John E. Edwards, James F. Brannin, John R. Kilby, F. H. Smith and Thos. Whitehead.

On motion, the Conference returned thanks to Messrs. T. L. D. Walford and Randolph & English, for stationery presented to the Conference for its use during the session.

A communication from Rev. R. Abbey was read to the Conference, enclosing a petition to the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States, respecting the claim of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, against the United States Government for damages

done to the House during the war; and, on motion, it was ordered that the petition be adopted and a copy thereof forwarded by the Secretary to the Congress of the United States.

A communication from A. H. Redford, Book Agent of the M. E. Church, South, and the Annual Exhibit of the Publishing House to August 1, 1876, were laid before the Conference by the Bishop, read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

On motion, Conference resolved to sit with open doors during the examination of character; and it was ordered that when nothing is alleged against the character of a brother, he shall not be required to retire from the house.

Minute question 20 was taken up and Conference proceeded to examine the characters of Elders.

And it was ordered that J. J. Lafferty, Wm. H. Camper and Thomas H. Early be placed on the supernumerary list.

A communication from Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., Missionary Secretary (and D. C. Kelley, Assistant Secretary), M. E. Church, South, was laid before the Conference, read, and, on motion, with the accompanying documents, referred to the Board of Domestic Missions of this Conference.

A communication from Rev. T. O. Summers, D. D., Editor of Books of the M. E. Church, South, was laid before the Conference, read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, November 16th, 1876.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Robert Michaels.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Conference resumed the examination of the character of Elders under Minute question 20.

The name of A. G. Brown was called, and W. G. Lumpkin preferred a complaint against his official administration as follows:

Complaint against the official administration of Rev. A. G. Brown, Pastor of High-Street Church, Petersburg.

1st. In allowing a party to enter a complant against me before his Official Body of High-Street Church.

2nd. In appointing, or allowing the Official Body to appoint, a committee to investigate said complaint.

3rd. In allowing these proceedings to be entered upon the official record of High-Street Church.

A. G. Brown responded, denying any erroneous administration.

After statements by both parties of the facts of the case, and the reading of the record of the Official Body of High-Street Station and correspondence, on motion of James A. Duncan, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved. That this Conference, having considered all the facts of this case, are unable to perceive any mal-administration on the part of Alex. G. Brown therein.

And, on motion, the character of Alex. G. Brown was passed.

The examination of character was then continued.

And it was ordered that James A. Riddick and Wm. J. Norfleet, be placed on the supernumerary list.

And then the Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 17th, 1876.

Conference met according to adjournment.

James A. Duncan in the chair. (Bishop Kavanaugh being unwell.) Religious services were conducted by Joseph Lear.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Conference took up Minute question 10. "What local preachers are elected deacons?" and

John W. Bashaw, a local preacher of Culpeper Circuit; L. E. Finch, a local preacher of Boydton Station; Junius B. Deberry, a local preacher of Meherrin Circuit; Samuel B. McKinney, a local preacher of Princess

Anne Circuit; Joseph P. H. Crismond, a local preacher of Spotsylvania Circuit; and Wm. E. Evans, a local preacher of King and Queen Circuit, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of those charges as suitable persons to be elected and ordained Deacons, passed in examination of character, and were elected to Deacons' orders accordingly.

Minute Question 14, "What local preachers are elected Elders?" was taken up, and J. D. Arnold, a local deacon of Main Street Station, Danville, and E. A. Hawkes, a local deacon of Nottoway Circuit, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of those charges, as suitable persons to be elected and ordained Elders, passed in examination of character, and were elected accordingly.

Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., Missionary Secretary of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the Conference and made a brief address.

John O. Lawrence, formerly a local deacon of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who is now a member of our church at Monumental Station, Portsmouth, was duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that station, for recognition of his orders, and having duly certified his subscription to our doctrines and discipline and our ordination vows, it was ordered that he be recognized as a deacon in our church.

Minute Question 8, "What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?" was taken up, and Franklin C. Woodward, Wm. H. Atwill, James H. Dalby, Charles D. Crawley, Benjamin S. Herring, and Wm. J. Twilley, who were continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally elected to Deacons' orders.

Minute Question 12, was taken up, and Thos. H. Campbell, James E. Gates, and P. H. Fishburn, passed in examination of character, and P. H. Fishburn was elected to Elders' orders, (T. H. Campbell and James E. Gates having been ordained Elders' while they were local preachers).

Minute Question 7, was taken up, and John H. Kabler, William R. Smithey, Henry C. Paulett, John H. Patterson, Charles H. Green, Herbert M. Hope, and John T. Moore, who were admitted into full connection at the last session, and elected and ordained Deacons, passed in examination of character, and were continued as Deacons of one year.

Minute Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up, and Richard M. Chandler, a local preacher of Matthews Circuit; Bernard F. Lipscomb, a local preacher of Trinity Station; Nathaniel J. Pruden, a local preacher of Henrico and Charles City Circuit; Joseph T Martin, a local preacher of Culpeper Circuit; John M. Burton, a local preacher of Court Street Station; Nathan B. Foushee, a local preacher of Bedford

Circuit; Robert H. Younger, a local preacher of Pittsylvania Circuit; Wm. Henry Edwards, a local preacher of Brunswick Circuit; Willie O. Waggener, a local preacher of Cumberland Circuit; John E. Barrow, a local preacher of Nottoway Circuit, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of those charges, as suitable persons to be admitted into the traveling connection on trial, passed in examination of character, and were admitted accordingly.

W. T. McMullan, of Murfreesboro District, was substituted for T. W. Mason, on the Committee on Education. J. T. McDonald, of R. M. District, was substituted for T. W. Garrett, on the Committee on Sunday Schools; and F. T. Boggs, of Eastern Shore District, was substituted for James Cannon, on the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, on motion, it was ordered that the time of the session be extended.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved. On motion, Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, November 18, 1876.

Conference met according to adjournment.

James A. Duncan in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by John B. Laurens.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

Minute Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up again, and John C. Roper, a local preacher of Ashland Circuit, and S. H. Johnson, a local preacher of Hanover Circuit, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of these charges, as suitable persons to be admitted into the traveling connection on trial, passed in examination of character, and were admitted accordingly.

James A. Duncan, D. D., President of Randolph Macon College, made a report of the condition of that Institution. [See Report A.]

And, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

Geo. H. Ray, from the Committee on Sunday Schools, reported the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Worship be requested to arrange for a Sabbath School Mass Meeting, to be held in one of the principal Methodist churches of this city, to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at $3\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, and W. H. Christian, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That eleven o'clock, A. M., on Tuesday next, be fixed as the time for the reception of the report of the Committee on Memoirs; and that an appropriate memorial service for our deceased brethren be then held under direction of the presiding Bishop.

Alex. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, applied to the Conference, by the unanimous direction of the Board, for permission to take up a collection in behalf of brethren embarrassed by afflicting circumstances, who are not legal claimants upon the funds of the Joint Board. The Conference granted the permission desired, and \$223.19 was raised by subscription and cash.

J. H. Dawson, from the Preachers' Relief Society, reported to the Conference that the Board of Managers of said Society had appropriated \$300 to necessitous cases. And at his request, the Conference directed the Joint Board of Finance to recommend the names of suitable persons

to receive the benefit of such appropriations.

Franklin C. Woodward, William H. Atwill, James H. Dalby, Chas. D. Crawley, Benjamin S. Herring, Wm. J. Twilley, and James H. Maynard were examined before the Conference by the Bishop, according to the Discipline, and were severally admitted into full connection, with the exception of James H. Maynard, whose case, was, on motion, postponed until Monday next.

Joseph W. Shackford, a preacher on trial in the traveling connection in the North Carolina Conference, was transferred to the Conference by Bishop Kavanaugh, examined before the Conference by the Bishop, passed in examination of character, and was admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons' orders.

In connection with the case of Joseph W. Shackford, the Bishop decided the following question of law:

Question: "Can a preacher be admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons' orders in an Annual Conference, who has traveled less than two calendar years in the itinerant work, counting from the date of his admission into the traveling connection on trial?"

PAUL WHITEHEAD.

Answer: "He can, provided he has traveled in his Conference two Conference years, which may be less than two calendar years."

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Richard J. Moorman, who was continued as a Deacon at the last Conference, passed in examination of character and was elected to Elders' orders.

On motion,

Resolved, That Rev. W. B. Rowzie, President of the Preachers' Aid Society, of the Virginia Conference be and is hereby instructed to deliver to J. H. Dawson, Treasurer of "the Society for the relief of the preachers of the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South, and their families, their widows and orphans," the books and papers of the said Preachers' Aid Society of the Virginia Conference.

Gotlieb Meyer, who was transferred to this Conference by the Baltimore Conference at its last session, passed in examination of character, and having passed an approved examination before E. N. S. Blogg, (who was appointed by the Conference for that purpose, at request of the committee of the fourth year, the candidate being a German and unable to speak English with ease), was elected to Elders' orders.

And then the Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday, November 20, 1876.

Conference met according to adjournment.

W. B. Rowzie in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Dr. Wm. Closs, of North Carolina Conference.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

The Minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Bishop Kavanaugh reported the following ordinations made by him on yesterday in this city:

At Broad Street Church, after morning service, Franklin C. Woodward, Wm. H. Atwill, James H. Dalby, Charles D. Crawley, Benjamin S. Herring, Wm. J. Twilley, Joseph W. Shackford, L. E. Finch, Junius B. Deberry, Samuel B. McKinney, and Wm. E. Evans, as Deacons; the first named seven in the traveling connection; the other four in the local ministry.

At Trinity Church, after evening service, Richard J. Moorman, P. H.

Fishburn, and Gottlieb Meyer, Elders in the traveling connection, and J. D. Arnold and E. A. Hawkes, Elders in the local ministry.

The case of James H. Maynard, which was postponed until to-day, was taken up, and after a full consideration of it, he passed in examination of character and was admitted into full connection.

Dr. McFerrin addressed the Conference briefly in reference to the Publishing House, at Nashville, and its operations, and the Missionary interests of the church, and took leave of the Conference; when on motion of W. H. Christian and J. Wiley Bledsoe,

Resolved, That we have received, with great pleasure, the visit of Rev. Dr. McFerrin, and will gladly welcome him to our Conference whenever he can come among us, and that we deeply sympathize with him in his recent affliction.

Joseph S. Shangle, formerly a Deacon of our church, who was deprived of his credentials by expulsion by the Quarterly Conference of Prince George Circuit, applied for the restoration of his credentials, presenting a recommendation to that effect from the Quarterly Conference of Bristol Circuit, Abingdon District, of Holston Conference, but the Conference declined to grant the application.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session after to-day, was granted to Robert W. Watts, T. W. Mason, W. T. McMullan, F. T. Boggs, Wm. Grant, F. B. Jones, G. T. Tennille, P. H. Fishburn, and Smith W. Brown.

On motion of J. F Twitty and H. M. Hope, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions of the Virginia Annual Conference be requested to recognize the (Foreign) Mission Aid Society of this Conference as an integral part of its missionary operations according to the Discipline.

Conference resumed the examination of character of Elders, under Minute Question 20, and it was ordered that Joseph E. Potts, and Lloyd Moore be placed on the supernumerary list.

Wm. E. Evans, a local preacher of King and Queen Circuit, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit, as a suitable person to be admitted on trial into the traveling connection, passed in examination of character, and was admitted accordingly.

B. F. Woodward, presented the application of J. S. Russell for recognition of his orders as a Deacon. After much discussion, on motion of J. E. Edwards, the case was laid on the table for the present.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, November 21st, 1876.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Paul Whitehead.

The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and approved.

The case of J. S. Russell, applying for recognition of orders, was taken up, and, on motion of W. W. Bennett, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of R. A. Armistead,

Resolved, That 11 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday be set apart to receive the report from the Committee on the Bible Cause.

John R. Kilby, from the Board of Managers of the Preachers' Relief Society, made to the Conference the annual report of that Society, which was read and ordered to be recorded on the journal. [See Report H.]

F. M. Edwards moved that the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint an agent for the "Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, their Families, their Widows and Orphans," which was carried; and the Conference, according to the provisions of the constitution of said Society, appointed the following to be directors of the Society for the ensuing year: John R. Kilby, of Suffolk, Va.; Richard Irby, of Richmond, Va.; George M. Bain, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va.; W. T. Mc-Mullan, of Hertford, N. C.; H. T. Lassiter, of Murfreesboro, N. C.; Joseph E. Brodwater, of Accomac county, Va.; Joseph H. Dawson, of Norfolk, Va.; and Revs. F. M. Edwards and J. Carson Watson, of the Virginia Conference.

Alex. G. Brown and W. W. Bennett, trustees of the "Hall Fund," made a report, as follows, of the funds in hand, and it was ordered that the trustees pay over the moneys reported in hand to the Joint Board of Finance.

Certain papers being laid before the Conference, apparently involving complaints against the official administration of J. A. Proctor, Presiding Elder of the Charlottesville District, on motion of Pæul Whitehead, the character of Bro. Proctor was reconsidered, and it was ordered that these papers be referred to a committee of three, to consider whether they furnish any ground of complaint worthy of being inquired into by this Conference: John C. Granbery, J. Powell Garland, and W. C. Vaden were appointed said committee.

The hour appointed for the reception of the report of the Committee

on Memoirs having arrived, religious services were conducted by P. A.

Peterson, prayer being offered by James A. Duncan.

After which, Paul Whitehead, from the Committee on Memoirs, reported memoirs of our deceased brethren, George W. Langhorne and Benjamin Devany. The reading was accompanied by remarks from many members of the Conference.

On motion, the report of the committee was adopted, and it was ordered that a copy be transmitted to the book editor for insertion in the General

Minutes.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY—Morning Session.

WEDNESDAY, November 22, 1876.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Jas. M. Anderson.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Henry C. Cheatham, from the Committee on Publishing Interests, made a report, which was read, and, on motion, it was determined to consider *seriatim* the resolutions reported for adoption; the first resolution was then adopted, when the hour appointed for considering the report from the Committee on the Bible Cause having arrived, the further consideration of the report from the Committee on Publishing Interests was postponed, and R. A. Armistead, from the Committee on the Bible Cause, made report. [See Report E.]

On motion of J. E. Edwards, the Conference requested Dr. Moses D. Hoge, President of the Board of Managers of the Virginia Bible Society,

to address us upon this subject.

The Bishop introduced Dr. Hoge, who made an elequent and impressive address.

John E. Edwards also addressed the Conference, and moved that Rev. M. W. Staples, General Agent of the Virginia Bible Society, be requested to make statements concerning that Society. Mr. Staples was introduced to the Conference and spoke briefly.

The resolutions reported by the Committee were then considered seriatim. The word "requested," was substituted for the word "required" in the second resolution, and the other resolutions, unchanged, were adopted, with the second as amended and the report as a whole.

J. C. Granbery, from the Special Committee of Three, appointed on

yesterday, made a report. [See Report L.]

Pending its consideration, T. A. Ware propounded the following questions of law to the presiding Bishop:

1. "Is it the prerogative of the Quarterly Conference, or of the President of the same, to decide whether an appeal shall be entertained?"

2. "After the Quarterly Conference has decided not to entertain an appeal, has the President any recourse by which to compel the Quarterly Conference to entertain it?"

To which the Bishop replied as follows:

Answer to question 1. "The Quarterly Conference, for justifying reasons, may decide not to entertain an appeal."

Answer to question 2. "He has not."

[Signed] H. H. KAVANAUGH.

After much discussion, the Report of the Committee was adopted.

On motion of John E. Edwards,

Resolved, That when we adjourn we adjourn to meet again this evening at half past seven o'clock.

P. A. Peterson, from the Committee on Fraternity, made a Report, which was adopted.—[See Report G.]

On motion, leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Wm. E. Allen.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY—Evening Session.

HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment.

James A. Duncan in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Jacob Manning.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Benjamin T. Ames, William Carter, John C. Garlick, Robt. A. Greg-

ory, James McAden, John McCleland, Robt. Michaels, Samuel T. Moorman, George W. Nolley, Wm. A. Robinson; Jacob Shough, Walter C. Taylor, and Benjamin M. Williams, who were placed on the superannuated list at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally placed on the superannuated list, except Geo. W. Nolley.

On motion of Alex. G. Brown, J. Powell Garland, and Geo. M. Bain, Jr., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the presence of the Rev. A. T. Bledsoe, LL. D., the able and accomplished Editor of the Southern Review, at this session of our Conference, has afforded us a sincere pleasure; and we extend to him a cordial invitation to visit us, not only at our Annual Sessions, but in our several pastoral charges, assuring him of our high appreciation of the work in which he is engaged, and our sincere regard for him personally.

Alex. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a report in part, stating the appropriations made by them to the several claimants upon the funds of the Board; which appropriations were approved by the Conference.

Samuel A. Steel, Wm. W. Royall, Lewis B. Betty, John E. Deshazo, Wm. W. Lear, and Paul Bradley, who were received on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally continued on trial.

W. W. Bennett and P. A. Peterson offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, In the judgment of this Conference, the interests of Methodism would be greatly promoted in the whole North Eastern portion of our church territory, by a division of Annual Conferences and a re-arrangement of Conference lines; and

Whereas, It is fully apparent that large and unwieldy Conferences cannot so readily and satisfactory transact business when in session, nor be easily accommodated, except in large cities; and

Whereas, We feel convinced that in smaller and more compact Conferences there would be a greater development of talent and energy among the preachers, a more thorough cultivation of our fields of labor, and a better arrangement in the form of circuits and districts, with other obvious advantages. Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five members of this Conference be appointed to take into consideration the question of dividing the Virginia Conference into two Conferences by such a natural line from East to West as shall give an equal and fair division, and that the said Committee be instructed to visit the Baltimore Conference at its next session, for the purpose of consulting that body on this subject, and arranging for such exchange of territory as may be necessary in the execution of the purpose and plan herein indicated. This Committee shall report its action to the next session of this Conference.

Which was adopted, and the following were appointed the Committee: W. W. Bennett, P. A. Peterson, James A. Duncan, Thomas Branch, and Geo. M. Bain, Jr.

W. W. Bennett, from the Committee on Education, made a report,

which was read, and, on motion, it was laid on the table and made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was resumed; the *second* resolution was, on motion, amended so as to read:

Resolved, That it is our deliberate judgment that our Agent ought to send to the Annual Conferences a more detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements of the House, that we, as a Conference, might obtain a clearer knowledge or better understanding of the general condition of the Publishing House—and adopted. The third, fourth, fifth and six resolutions were adopted without change.

The Report as a whole was then adopted. [See Report C.]

In answer to Minute Question 30, the Conference proceeded to fix the place of holding the next session. Charlottesville and Lynchburg were put in nomination, and Lynchburg selected by a vote which was, on motion, declared unanimous.

And then the Conference adjourned.

EIGHTH DAY-Morning Session.

THURSDAY, November 23d, 1876.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by George C. Vanderslice.

The Minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The answers to Minute questions 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 were reported as follows:

No. of	Local preachers	189
66	White members	50,750
66	Colored members	. 213
66	Infant baptisms	1,457
66	Adult baptisms	2,890
66	Sunday schools	. 603
66	Sunday school teachers	6,144
66	Sunday school scholars	.35.173

Minute Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up J. D. Arnold, a local preacher of Main-street, Danville, applied for admission on trial into the Conference, producing the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of said station, but the Conference rejected the application; and, on motion, the Presiding Elders are permitted to employ Brother Arnold if they shall see fit to do so.

On motion of F. M. Edwards,

Resolved. That the Rev. H. H. Kavanaugh, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive, on behalf of the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the bequest contained in the will of Miss L. Brown, of Fleming county, Kentucky, and to grant all proper receipts for the same.

Resolved, That the said Bishop, H. H. Kavanaugh, be and he is hereby directed to pay over to "the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and their families, their widows and orphans," chartered by the State of North Carolina on the 16th day of February, 1876, whatever amount he may receive by virtue of the above resolution, which sum the said Society will apply to the purposes of the said Society.

On motion of J. E. Edwards, George W. Nolley was, at his own request, placed on the superannuated list.

On motion of F. M. Edwards, certificates of location were ordered to be granted to John T. Weaver and William R. Smithey at their own request.

John P. Brock, a local elder, who was deposed from the ministry by the Quarterly Conference of Gordonsville Station, presented, through J. H. Amiss, his appeal from the decision of said Quarterly Conference, which being allowed, the Bishop announced the following committee to try the case: Joseph H. Davis, W. E. Judkins, W. H. Christian, John L. Clarke, William P. Wright, Robert M. Saunders, John D. Southall, William F. Bain, J. M. Anderson. Joseph H. Amiss was appointed to represent the appellant, and Joseph A. Proctor to represent the Quarterly Conference.

And, on motion, the committee was allowed to retire for the purpose of trying the appeal.

The order of the day, the report of the Committee on Education, was taken up, and, with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted. [See Report B.]

Charles E. Wren, a local preacher of Bedford Circuit, applied for admission into the travelling connection on trial, producing a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit, passed in examination of character, and was admitted accordingly.

D. P. Wills, from the Young Preachers' Educational Board, made a report to the Conference of the operations of the Board for the gear

past, and, on motion, the Conference adopted the resolutions appended thereto. [See Report I.]

On motion of J. E. Edwards,

Resolved, That when the Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet again at 4 o'clock P. M.

And then the Conference adjourned.

EIGHTH DAY—Afternoon Session.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

John E. Edwards in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by John W. Howard.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

George H. Ray, from the committee on Sunday Schools, made a report, which was read, and, after slight amendments were made to the several resolutions reported for adoption, the report, as a whole, was adopted. [See Report D.]

Joseph H. Davis, from the Committee appointed to try the appeal of John P. Brock, made a report of their decision, affirming the judgment of the Quarterly Conference by which the said Brock was deposed from the ministry. [See Report M.]

The whole record of the case was, according to law, delivered to the Secretary of the Conference.

William H. Christian and Thomas A. Ware offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That, in the judgment of this Conference, the interest of the Church would be greatly subserved by holding the District Conferences in the early part of the Conference year.

Resolved, 2. That we earnestly advise, for the same reason, that the time for holding the District Conferences, respectively, be so arranged as that, so far as is practicable, they shall not, in this particular, conflict with each other.

Resolved, 3. That, in order that these objects be carried out, the Presiding El-

Resolved, 3. That, in order that these objects be carried out, the Presiding Elders be and are hereby earnestly requested to confer together at this Conference, and, as far as practicable, arrange a programme in accordance with the above suggestion.

Under Minute Question 5, James L. Fisher, a local elder of Monumental Station, Portsmouth, applied for re-admission into the travelling

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connection, presenting the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of said Station; but the Conference declined to re-admit him.

On motion, it was ordered that when the Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet again at half-past seven o'clock this evening.

The Secretary laid before Conference the credentails of Allan L. Archer, a local elder of Petersburg, who voluntarily relinquishes his ordination; and, also, those of William R. Cobb, formerly a preacher of this Conference, who has left our communion and joined another church; and they were ordered to be filed.

And then the Conference adjourned. .

EIGHTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment.

John E. Edwards in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by W. C. Vaden.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Alex. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a final report, which was adopted, and the funds distributed.—[See Financial Exhibit.]

From this report the answers were furnished to Minute Questions 27 and 28 as follows:

To question 27—

To question 28—

[For details see Financial Exhibit.]

On motion,

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Joint Board of Finance be authorized to publish 2000 copies of the "Minutes" on the plan adopted last year.

John E. Edwards, from the Conference Mission Board, reported appropriations for the ensuing year as follows.—[See Appropriations.] The same Board reported the answer to Minute Question 29:

Total......\$10,882 42

[For details see Financial Exhibit.]

James A. Duncan in the chair.

Alex. G. Brown, Jos. H. Davis and Oscar Littleton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That while we have the highest regard for the large and intelligent Board of Domestic Missions of this Conference, and feel the deepest interest in our Domestic Missionary work, we would respectfully express the opinion, that the appropriate of the German Mission in the City of Richmond, is largely in excess of its relative claim upon our Domestic Missionary Fund,

which, after a long debate, was laid upon the table. On motion of P. A. Peterson and W. W. Bennett,

Resolved 1. That we have been highly gratified by the visit of Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh to our Conference, and that we hereby tender to him a cordial invitation to visit our body, and our churches, as far as other duties may permit, assuring him that he will always receive an affectionate welcome.

Resolved 2. That we hereby tender to the Bishop our thanks for the courteous

and satisfactory manner in which he has presided over our deliberations.

On motion of Williams T. Davis,

Resolved. That we hereby tender our thanks,

1st, To the citizens of Richmond for the elegant and cordial manner in which

they have entertained the Conference.

2d, To the congregations of sister churches, whose pulpits have been occupied by our ministers during the session of Conference.

3d, To the managers of various lines of public travel for reduced rates allowed to the members of our body.

Junius B. Deberry, a local preacher of Meherrin Circuit, applied for admission into the travelling connection on trial, and presented a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit, passed in examination of character, and was admitted accordingly.

James E. Bristow, a local preacher of Dare Circuit, applied for admission into the travelling connection on trial, and presented the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of said Charge, but the Conference declined to admit him; and, on motion, the Presiding Elders were allowed to employ him.

On motion, H. H. Gary was placed on the superannuated list at his own request; and, it was ordered that a certificate of location be granted, at his own request, to William T. White.

On motion of E. M. Peterson,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the reporters of the city papers, for the faithful and judicious manner in which they have published the proceedings of the Conference.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

On motion, the thanks of the Conference were tendered to the Secretaries for the faithful discharge of their duties.

On motion, the Conference requested the Presiding Bishop to appoint Leonidas Rosser Sunday School Agent for the Conference.

The Minutes of the present session were read and approved.

The Bishop announced the following to compose the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing year: A. G. Brown, Louis L. Marks, Oscar Littleton, S. D. Turner, Robert W. Watts, E. B. Brown, W. F. Bain, James Matthias, J. W. Blincoe, T. M. Leitch, John D. Southall, Wil-A. Smith, William G. Starr, William T. McMullan, W. H. Christian, George M. Bain, Jr., William G. Williams, T. W. Garrett, Joseph H. Davis, W. E. Baker, J. H. Amiss and L. D. Travers.

Fielding A. Davis passed in examination of character.

After religious services, conducted by Bishop Kavanaugh, the appointments of the preachers for the ensuing Conference year were announced in answer to Minute Question 31.

And then the Conference adjourned sine die.

H. H. KAVANAUGH, PRESIDENT.

PAUL WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1876-77.

	Years.
I.	RICHMOND DISTRICTDavis P. Wills, P. E. 4
1.	Trinity, Richmond
2.	Nicholson Street, RichmondPaul Bradley, 1
3.	Centenary, "Robert N. Sledd, 1
4.	∫ Broad Street, "Samuel A. Steel, 2 ✓
5.	German Mission, "
6.	Park Place, "John E. Edwards, 1
7.	Oregon, "George M. Wright, 2 /
8.	Clay Street,Peter A. Peterson, 2
9.	Union, "George E. Booker, 1
10.	ManchesterGeorge C. Vanderslice, 2
11.	HenricoJoseph W. Shackford, 1
12.	Charles City Lewis B. Betty, 1 J
13.	New KentWilliam P. Wright, 1
14.	West PointWilliam W. Royall, 2
15.	Matthews
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18.	JamestownJames W. Connelly, 4
	Superintendent German Mission Edward N. S. Blogg.
	Editors Richmond Christian AdvocateW. W. Bennett, J. J. Lafferty.
	Sunday School Agent Leonidas Rosser.
	Professor in Vanderbilt UniversityJohn C. Granbery.
II.	
19.	Charlottesville
20.	
21.	LouisaJoshua S. Hunter, 3 ✓
22.	
23.	Fluvanna John W. Howard, 4
24.	Batesville Richard Ferguson, 1 /
25.	GordonsvillePeter F. August, 2
26.	
27.	Salem Mission Supplied by Richard Stevens.
28.	Culpeper Station James T. Lumpkin, 1 V
29.	Culpeper Circuit
30.	Rappahannock CircuitJohn W. Hilldrup, 2

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	31.	WoodvilleJoseph T. Mastin,	1	
	32	MadisonFrancis J. Boggs,	2	V
	33.	Piedmont		
	34.	Greene William E. Payne,	4	
	35.	Barboursville		
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	III	LYNCHBURG DISTRICTJohn D. BLACKWELL, P. E.	3	V
		Centenary, Lynchburg	1	
	37.	Madison and Daniel's Hill, LynchburgJohn Bayley,	1	V
	38.	Court St, Lynchburg(Thomas H. Early, Sup'y.) Adam C. Bledsoe,	U I	
	39.	Amherst	2	
	4 0.	West Amherst	4	
	41.	Mount Pleasant James D. Lumsden,	1	
p.o	4 2.	Bedford	1	
	43.	Jackson William A. Laughon,	2	
	44.	South Bedford Milton L. Bishop,	4	
	45.	Leesville	Æ	V
	46.	Bedford SpringsTravis J. Taylor,	9	•
	47.	Liberty John L. Clarke,	4	./
	48.	NelsonJames F. Brannin,		
	49.	AppomattoxJames E. McSparran,	1	/
	50.	Campbell Edgar H. Pritchett,	1	•
	51.	South CampbellTo be supplied by Elisha DeWitt.	ດ	
	52.	Buckingham	1	,
	53.	ProspectGeorge H. Ray,	1	V
	IV	. DANVILLE DISTRICTJAMES M. ANDERSON, P. E.	1	
	54 .	Main Street, DanvilleFrancis M. Edwards,	1	
	55.	Lynn Street, "James W. Bledsoe,	3	
	56.	CharlotteWilliam B. Rowzie,	1	
	57.	West Charlotte Edmond A. Gibbs,	1	
	58.	South of Dan John D. Southall,		
	59.	ChathamWilliam W. Spain,		
	60.	PittsylvaniaDavid F. Hodges,		
	61.	FranklinJohn W. Tucker,		
	62.	East FranklinRobert H. Younger,		
	63.	HenryJohn W. Crider,		
	64.	PatrickJohn E. Deshazo,	2	
	65.	Dan River To be supplied by Daniel Traynham.	0	
	66.	Halifax Henry C. Bowles,	3	
	67.	Alleghany To be supplied by Benjamin R. Duval.	_	
	6 8.	BannisterP. H. Fishburn,		/
		FARMVILLE DISTRICTEDWARD M. PETERSON, P. E.		
	69.	FarmvilleJames F. Twitty,		
	70.	Prince EdwardJohn M. Saunders,		
	71.	LunenburgJames O Moss,		V
	72.	BoydtonJohn B. Dey,	1	

73.	Clarkesville James Jamieson, 1	
74.	Boydton Circuit Alexander Doniphan, 2	
75.	Mecklenburg Thomas H. Boggs, 1	/
76.	Brunswick	
77.	West Brunswick Charles D. Crawley, 1	
78.	South Brunswick	
79.	NottowayJames C. Reed, 1	
80.	AmeliaJames W. Blincoe, 1; John E. Barrow, 1	
81.	CumberlandJames R. Waggener, 4	
82.	Cartersville Circuit	
83.	Dennisville Mission To be supplied.	
84.	Lunenburg Mission To be supplied by Alfred Stables.	
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	President Farmville CollegePaul Whitehead.	
VI.	PETERSBURG DISTRICTLEROY M. LEE, P. E. 4	
85.	Washington Street, PetersburgJoseph H. Riddick, 2	1
86.	Blandford, "	
87.	Blandford, "	1
88.	Market Street, "J. Powell Garland, 1	
89.	High St. and Battersea, " Alexander G. Brown, 2	
90.	EttrickWerter H. Gregory, 1	1
91.	Chesterfield Alexander M Hall, 2	
92.	Chesterfield MissionTo be supplied by James Baily.	
23.	Dinwiddie Joseph Lear, 1	V
94.	West DinwiddieJacob H. Proctor, 1	
95.	Sussex(Jas. A. Riddick, Sup'y.) D. M. Wallace, 1; Jno. C. Rosser, 1	
96.	HicksfordJoseph S. R. Clarke, 1	
97.	Prince George William W. Lear, 1	J
98.	SurryJames H. Maynard, 1	•
99.	CoalfieldJames A. Hughes, 1	,
100.	Clover Hill	V
VI	I. MURFREESBORO DISTRICTBENNJAMIN F. WOODWARD, P. E. 2	
101.	MurfreesboroFranklin C. Woodward, 3	
102.	NorthamptonJohn Q. Rhodes, 1	
103.	Meherrin William P. Jordan, 1	\checkmark
104.	Bertie(one to be supplied) Robert N. Crooks, 2	
105.	Hertford and Edenton Joshua L. Garrett, 1; Willie O. Waggener, 1	
106.	Pasquotank Major S. Colonna, 1	
107.	Elizabeth City William McGee, 1	
108.	SuffolkJames C. Martin, 1	
109.	Gates Thomas H. Campbell, 1; S. H. Johnson, 1	
110.	Southampton James W. Compton, 2	
111.	North SouthamptonJohn P. Woodward, 1	
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-11.	President Wesleyan Female College	1

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115. 116. 117. 118. 119.	Cumberland St., Norfolk
IX. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 140. 141. 142.	RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT. EDWARD P. WILSON, P. E. 3 Ashland (Joseph E. Potts, Sup'y.) John T. Moore, 1 Spottsylvania Richard M. Chandler, 1 Caroline Benjamin S. Herring, 1 Bowling Green Thomas J. Bayton, 2 Middlesex Alfred Wiles, 1 King and Queen William E. Evans, 1 King William Charles H. Green, 4 Essex William J. Twilly, 2 Hanover William G. Williams, 1 West Hanover Robert A. Armistead, 2 Goochland John H. Kabler, 2 West Goochland To be supplied by Robert H. Mullen. President Randolph Macon College James A. Duncan. Agent """ Thomas A. Ware. Agent Virginia Bible Society John G. Rowe.
X. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147.	NORTHERN NECK DISTRICTWILLIAM A. CROCKER, P. E. 1 King George
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VI	EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT	JACOB MANNING, P. E. 1	,
Z1.	PASIBION SHOWE DISTRICT	JACOB MANNING, 1. IV. 1	L
149.	Eastville and Belle Haven(Lloyd	Moore, Sup'y.) James L. Spencer, 1	1 V
150.	Pungoteague	Beverly W. Daugherty, 1	1
151.	Onancock	Joseph H. Amiss, &	3 V
152.	Atlantic	Charles C. Wertenbaker, 1	1
153.	South Atlantic	Joseph B Merritt, 1	1 1
154.	Wicomico	Fielding A. Davis, 1	1
155.	Salisbury		1
156.	Berlin		1
157.	Dorchester	Josiah D. Hank,	1 🗸
158.	Dorchester Mission	James H. Dalby, I	1 /
159.	Cambridge	John H. Patteson, 2	2 /

SUPERANUATED PREACHERS.

Benjamin T. Ames, Robert A. Gregory, Robert Michaels, William A. Robinson, Benjamin M. Williams, William Carter, James McAden, Samuel T. Moorman, Jacob Shough, Hartwell H. Gary, John C. Garlick, John McCleland, George W. Nolley, Walter C. Taylor.

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MEMOIRS.

REV. GEORGE W. LANGHORNE,

BY REV. PAUL WHITEHEAD.

REV. GEO. W. LANGHORNE was born in the county of Warwick, Va., on the 27th day of November, 1808. We are unable to give any particulars of his life previous to his sixteenth year, when he entered the law office of John A Chandler, Esq., of Norfolk, with a view to the study of law, which study he actually began in his eighteenth year. God turned him from the bar to the pulpit. Worshiping among the fervent Methodists of Portsmouth (of which his mother was one) he was awakened and humbled before the Lord, and, on the 17th day of July, 1827, born of the Spirit. He immediately joined the Methodist Church, and soon after felt himself called to preach the Gospel. Laying aside the thought of practising law, he began to read books of Divinity. But he was the subject of a fierce conflict. Tempted to stifle the conviction of his duty to preach, he entered a grocery store as a clerk in August or September, 1828; but in the midst of his work there, the awful alternative to preach or to perish seemed always before him. Driven by his perplexity and distress to seek counsel, he made known his state of mind to Dr. R. A. Armistead, a local elder residing in Portsmouth. That good man urged him to end the warfare within him by consecrating himself at once to the work to which the Holy Ghost had called him. He consented to do so, and applied for employment to Rev. Henry Holmes, Presiding Elder of the District, who sent him, in March, 1829, to Camden Circuit. In February, 1830, he was received on trial into the Virginia Conference, and appointed to Amelia Circuit. Progressing with increasing commendation at each session, he was ordained deacon in 1832 and elder in 1835. His earlier work lay in North Carolina (with a single exception, and that near the State line). He therefore naturally went with the North Carolina Conference, when, in 1837, the old Virginia Conference was divided into two bodies. In the North Carolina Conference, he served with ability and great acceptance one of the smaller and two of the larger stations, including Newberne, where a great blessing attended his ministry, and friendships were formed which were strong and life-long. In 1839 he was transferred to Virginia Conference, and after a year on Camden Circuit (the scene of his "trial" ministry in 1829), began a career of distinguished service, including two terms of four years each as Presiding Elder, and the occupancy of the leading stations in Petersburg, Lynchburg, Richmond and Norfolk. In all these he met with more or less success. In some there were great outpourings of the Spirit—many seals to his ministry—some of them

now ministers themselves. His brethren honored him four times with election as a delegate to the General Conference. He was a frequent speaker in the debates of Conference, and always commanded attention,

often influencing decidedly the action of the body.

The confusions of the war left him comparatively unemployed for part of two years, but when peace returned, he was solicited to take charge of the Alexandria station. Under his preaching there, what he esteemed "the great revival of his life" took place. His health, never strong, almost failed him in that work, and, never altogether recovering, gradually gave way during the years 1873 and 1874, while he had charge of Farmville station. Nevertheless, he was averse to laying off the Gospel armor, and, being appointed to Liberty in the winter of 1874, began, with something of the vigor of healthier days, his labors there, when a sudden and heart-breaking bereavement in effect laid at rest his tender and true soul. He gave up his place, and allowed his brethren to place him upon the superannuated list at the Conference of 1875, thus closing an active and unbroken ministry of forty-six years and more. Before speaking of the closing scenes of his life, we may venture a delineation of his character. Brother Langhorne was a man of marked traits. Nature had done much for him. Of agreeable and striking person, his manners and bearing were courtly and dignified. He was affable, hospitable, fond of the company of his brethren, and popular among them, especially among those who knew him well. He was decided and uncompromising in his views, intense in his convictions, and fearless in the utterance and maintenance of them. Naturally high strung and sensitive, and liable to momentary sharpness of speech, he was, at the same time, a man of the strongest and tenderest affections. His kindred and friends were loved with a consuming fondness. Especially did this trait manifest itself in the deep, reverential love he ever showed towards his venerable mother, and in the hallowed loves of his family circle. No fonder, gentler, tenderer husband and father ever lived or loved. He was deeply and unfeignedly pious. Grace penetrated his whole being when he was converted. From first to last, his worship in public and private was solemn and ardent. One who knew him best testifies that in forty-one years he was never known but once, sick or well, at home or visiting, to neglect retirement for private pray-He would find a place and a time for it; and the writer of this, in common, doubtless, with many others, has been deeply affected when allowed to be the witness of his melting confession, ardent pleadings, and holy communings at the Throne of Grace. No man, thrown by chance with him for a single evening, could doubt the genuineness and fervor of his piety. He never did anything knowingly to compromise his religion, and was universally respected in his profession. He was devoted to Methodism. He knew well and highly esteemed its doctrines, usages and spirit. Perhaps he sometimes leaned towards an undue valuation of it as compared with other forms of Christian belief and polity; but he owed much to it, and could never forget or lose the intensity of his first love.

As a preacher, he was unusually powerful and successful. He had

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clear views of the fundamental doctrines of salvation, and these were kept clear by his sound experience of the things of God. He was a diligent student, reading and adding to his knowledge and improving his education to a late period of his life. With decided forensic ability, a pleasing, graceful manner, a clear, ringing voice, no little pathos, and a fluent utterance, the wisdom and grace hardly ever to exceed forty minutes in the length of his sermons—he maintained through a long career an unusual acceptableness in the pulpit. There was a tendency at times to be too polemical, but his native relish was for sound proclaiming of "the Word of reconciliation," and this bore fruit in the salvation of many, who will rise in the judgment day and call him blessed.

After his retirement from the ministry by superannuation, the health of Brother Langhorne rapidly failed. In the month of February, 1876, he was laid upon his dying bed. The greatness and sweetness of the grace then given him impressed all who beheld it. "Not a fear, not a fear," was his reply, when asked by his wife if he felt any fear of death. When not allowed to see any one but his attendants, he said: "Tell the friends who call, 'I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord——." His voice failing, he could not complete the triumphant strain. His dying exclamation was "Glory!" "Glory!" faintly uttered just before he entered his Master's joy, February 3d, 1876.

REV. BENJAMIN DEVANY,

BY REV. JOHN N. JONES.

REV. B. DEVANY was the oldest member of the Virginia Conference. He ended his long and eventful life at the residence of his son, in the county of Southampton, Virginia, on the sixteenth day of May, 1876. He was born in Franklin county, North Carolina, March 3rd.,

1788, and was therefore in the eighty-ninth year of his age.

Of his boyhood but little is known, except that he received what was regarded a liberal education for boys of his day, and was early in life converted and called to the work of the christian ministry. He was licensed to preach before he was eighteen years old, and, wishing to extend his labors beyond the limits of his own neighborhood, he offered himself to the Virginia Conference at its session held in the city of Norfolk in the Winter of 1806, and was then and there received on trial, and sent to labor on Caswell Circuit, with Thomas Mann and T. Pinnell as his colleagues.

The next session of the Conference was held at Newbern, North Carolina, from which he was sent to labor on the Mattamuskeet and Banks Circuit with John Gibbons and John Humphries. The session the next Winter was held in the town of Lynchburg, Virginia, where he was received into full connection, and ordained a deacon by Bishop Asbury, who put him in charge of Camden Circuit with John Early, after-

wards Bishop Early as his helper.

In 1809 he was on the Rocky Mount Circuit with James Harris. In 1810 the Conference met in Petersburg, Virginia, where he was ordained an Elder by Bishop McKendree, and stationed in Petersburg. In 1811

he was on the Nottoway Circut, and located in 1812.

While he was on the last named circuit he was married to Miss Dorothy Briggs, the daughter of Mr. Charles Briggs, of Southampton county, whose house was one of Bishop Asbury's homes. His marriage was, doubtless, the cause of his location; not, however, because the companion he chose was not suited to the new sphere in which she was called to act, for she made him an excellent wife, being a lady whose mind was stored with varied and useful knowledge, which she acquired by observation and the reading of many books, but because at that time the salary of an intinerant preacher was inadequate to the support of a family.

When the church had grown larger and stronger and there was a prospect of his obtaining a support for himself and family, he re-entered the travelling connection, and was a member of the Virginia Con-

ference at the time of his death.

It would be tedious, if I could do so accurately, to write in detail of his arduous labors in the various fields to which he was assigned subsequent to his joining Conference the second time; suffice it to say he was a faithful man of God, whose preaching was "in demonstration of the spirit and with power." He preached with the burning desire of getting souls converted; he expected immediate results, which often followed, and he reaped a great harvest, so that in the morning of the resurrection

he will bring sheaves ripe for the garner of heaven.

Brother Devany was a man of heroic spirit. He was not turned aside from the path of duty by even such difficulties as would appear insurmountable by many of the present time, for he was a travelling preacher when circuits were as large as districts are now—when our country was not traversed in every direction by railroads—when on horse-back, with saddle-bags for his wardrobe and book-case, mountains must be climed, swamps traversed and rivers swum. Notwithstanding all these difficulties, this hero of the olden time filled his appointment at the churches, at the encampments and in private houses. He labored in this life with the prospect of resting in the next. He endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

God always honors such men, and He gave Brother Devany seals and souls. The church honors them, and she gave him position of distinctinction and trust, for he not only filled important circuits and stations in his Conference, but represented it twice in the General Conference. He was also entrusted with the oversight of districts, and was, I think, the first Presiding Elder of the only resident Bishop of Virginia, and was instrumental in getting the Bishop appointed to the first station he ever filled.

In the death of Brother Devany the last link was broken in the chain of worthies that connected the Conference of 1806 with that of 1875. What changes he witnessed! Then there were only two Bishops in America (Asbury and Whatcoat), seven Conferences, four hundred and fifty-two preachers, and 130,570 members. Note the difference between

then and now. May we not with gratitude exclaim, "What hath God

wrought" in less than the lifetime of a man!

Brother Devany was a man of remarkable constitution, so that the haud of Time seemed to press lightly upon him. He retained all of his senses in a most remarkable degree. Only his sight was a little defective, but not enough so to keep him from reading, which was a great pleasure to him as long as he lived. He did not become morose, as some old people do. This may be accounted for in part by his almost perfect retention of his senses, and the good degree of general health that he enjoyed, but mainly by his living in constant and close communion with Him whom he delighted to serve, and whose presence comforts and cheers in old age as well as in youth. It was my privilege to be with him frequently during the last three years of his life, and he frequently assured me he was trying to live in constant readiness for death, and talked of death as if he had, by faith, completely disarmed the King of Terrors, and rendered him powerless to harm his own subject.

It was well that he thus lived, for he was taken from time into eternity with but little warning. On the 15th day of May, 1876, he attended court at Jerusalem, in Southampton county; returned home at night apparently as well as he had been for years; ate his supper and retired to rest. He was seized during the night with a violent fit of colic, and, obtaining no relief, breathed his last on the following morning. His remains were interred in the family burying-ground, on his son's farm, by the side of the road leading from Jerusalem to Franklin, by way of Massenburg's Mill, where they await the trausactions of the last day. Thus has passed away another of our number, full of years

and full of honors.

REPORTS.

(A.)

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

It is proper, at the beginning of this report, that I should explain my present peculiar relation to the College.

When I was elected to the Presidency of Randolph Macon, I defined my position, in respect to this work, very carefully and explicitly; and said to Bishop Early, the President of the Board of Trustees: "I will not consent to take this office, and then ask the Conference to endorse my own choice, for I do not desire the position at all. But, when the Conference meets, if it shall express a cordial wish that I perform this duty, I will undertake it."

The subsequent address the Bishop made to the Conference, when he requested my appointment, set forth this fact very candidly. Thus I became officially related to the College, not by my own choice merely, and not by the election of the Trustees only, but through you. The Trustees are related to you through the original organization of the College. But I, directly and immediately, represent you, in this Institution, as your own officer, appointed under a special provision of church law; hence, I have submitted to you, annually, a report of my work.

Last June, at the annual meeting of the Trustees, in accordance with my convictions of duty, I resigned the Presidency of the College; the resignation to take effect either at the opening of the session, in September, or at the meeting of this Conference, as the Board might prefer. The Board accepted the resignation, to take effect at the opening of the session.

The considerations that influenced me to resign, having been already made familiar to you through the public journals, need not be recited again at this time.

You have also learned that the gentleman elected by the Board to supply my place declined to accept the position. As this left the College without a President, at the opening of the session, it occasioned an emergency, to meet which, it was necessary, for the interests of the Institution, that I should assume the authority of the Presidency. This assumption, however, the Trustees have justified by formal action a few days ago. Finding myself thus committed to the care of the College again, I have consented, under certain conditions, agreed to by the Trustees, to remain in my present position, provided the Conference desires me to do so.

INSUFFICIENT CAPITAL

Has always been the most serious obstacle to the proper success of Randolph Macon. I say its *proper* success, because great as its success has been, it has not yet been as great as it ought to have realized in correspondence with the ability of the Church and the interests of education.

While the success of Randolph Macon has excited public admiration and gratified many, it has not satisfied the plans and hopes of those who have most carefully thought on this matter, and been most closely identified with this work. These are they who realize how the College, in nearly fifty years, has been embarrassed in efforts to improve and enlarge its advantages as it ought to do in correspondence with the progress of human learning and improved methods of instruction. But why has this great work lacked capital? Because its owners have not supplied it. Who are these owners? In law, the Trustees, but in fact, the Methodist Church in the Virginia and Baltimore Conferences. It was to carry out the wishes of the Church, in respect to education, that the charter was originally sought and obtained by a committee appointed by the Virginia Conference.

The College has now, for its owners, somewhere about seventy thousand people. If they do not furnish a sufficient capital for it, then it must be either because they cannot, or because they will not.

To affirm they cannot would be obviously absurd. It has been demonstrated repeatedly, that the people represented by Randolph Macon, without the least embarrassment to themselves, could furnish it an ample endowment and an abundant patronage.

Why, then, has it not been done? The answer is easily given: because the owners have not appreciated the College enough to do it. But this answer needs some explanation.

Some of the owners, as I term them, have appreciated the College fully, and sustained it nobly; but after all, these are not the majority of the people. Comparatively few have a just conception of the work and worth of the College to the church and to society. The work of education is essentially in advance of the ideas of the multitude, and is both performed and sustained by a few thoughtful people. The College did not originate in a popular meeting, but in a Quarterly Conference. Then it was suggested to the Annual Conference by a leading, intelligent member. Then it was recommended, through the Conference, to the members of the Church.

Some joyfully welcomed the proposition and subscribed liberally to establish a College. Others gave it small favor; and some were indifferent to it altogether. So, from its beginning until now, its history is a record of annual struggles. Difficulties and disappointments have commingled with all its achievements and occasions of congratulation. This has never surprised me, but it has often fatigued me; for long exertions against formidable difficulties are necessarily tiresome. The great trouble all the time has been want of sufficient capital for the work.

But, unless the people who should furnish the capital appreciate the work, how shall it be obtained?

OUR DUTY IN THIS EMERGENCY .

Is, obviously, to increase, as far as we can, the number of appreciative friends of this enterprise. Slowly but surely this class of friends increases; but to wait till, by the general advancement of popular intelligence, the College shall find ample support, is to postpone many blessings the College might confer on the present generation.

To hasten the day of our prosperity, it seemed to me wise to begin in the Conference room, at the centre of influence, and, by annual reports, written and printed, as well as by earnest addresses, to engage especially our preachers and representative laymen most cordially in this work; and then, through them, and through my own exertions all over the Conference territory, to develop in the minds of the people, extensively, clearer and better defined ideas of the value of this enterprise. To this labor, in connection with other duties of my office, I gave myself with intense earnestness, and my zeal was not wise enough to respect my own strength. While I do not regret this labor, I must be cautious not to repeat it. To quicken the minds of all our people into a lively as well as adequate realization of the value of great educational provisions, requires an influence more ubiquitous than the efforts of a college president and agent combined. In a field so large it is necessary to send many laborers. The press has done and can do much; but not all that is needful for cultivating this field. The religious press has, at best, a very limited sphere of influence. Not half the members of the Church subscribe to or read religious papers. When I edited the Richmond Advocate, before the war, we had about seven thousand five hundred subscribers as large a subscription list as it has ever had; and this, when there were thirty or forty thousand members in our Conference alone; and many of the subscribers were outside of our territory. Much as the religious press, therefore, may do, it is not able to do all we need. It goes chiefly to the very class who already appreciate the College, at least in some degree. The most effective agency for this work is

THE PULPIT.

It can reach all classes. It is face to face with every man, woman and child that can be reached by moral agency. It is honored with the confidence of the people, and is the greatest throne of power in a free country. If the pulpit does not lead the people to higher estimates of mental culture, they will not form such estimates so soon, but they will, nevertheless, form them ultimately, if not through Church agencies, through secular agencies, and then they will feel no obligation to the Church for their improved culture, and perhaps will only swell the ranks of those who glorify learning above religion, and regard intelligence as a freedom won by themselves without the Church, if not against it.

I am solicitous that the free Protestant pulpit shall, by its own exemplification of the highest intelligence, and also by its fostering instructions, be everywhere a burning and a shining light, always in advance in the forward movements of humanity. It is the pulpit that must give the key-note to all earnest church work. It is the pulpit that must define christian duty, and teach what christian privileges are worth, and inspire the minds of the people with the noblest ideas of life, and with the desire to attain to the purest and widest human culture. It is the boast of Protestantism that it opens the fountains of truth to the freest access,

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stimulates men to think and read and become intelligent christians, and encourages the best, because the freest and most enlightened civilization. But it is retorted upon us that Roman Catholic schools are better equipped and superior to our own! This is not true in fact; but in localities where our schools are allowed to languish it seems, to some, to have force. Let us correct it. The pulpit is the most effective agency that can serve the Church schools. It can keep them from languishing. Let it impart clearer ideas and awaken deeper convictions in favor of these nurseries of the Church, and the popular heart will be quickened to sustain them. Then the prosperity of the schools will give reflex prosperity to the pulpit, and the christian power of the Church will multiply itself by this reciprocal activity.

.MENTAL CULTURE

Is a power we must neither underrate nor overrate. If the world is disposed to overestimate it, the church is in as much danger, by opposition, of underestimating it. Let us remember, the opposite of mental culture is not religion, but barbarism, ignorance and stupidity. Because some men of high mental culture have spoken disrespectfully of piety is no reason why piety should despise high culture. Piety should be wiser than the few foolish learned ones, whose lack of spirituality makes them blind to religious truth, while intelligent enough in other matters.

Let the church teach mankind a truer culture. Let us illustrate how intellectual piety and pious intelligence can eclipse all the vaunted splendor of minds that shine only as half-developed or partially enlightened souls. We must have

SCHOOLS OF THE BEST GRADE.

They are necessary to our interest and to our reputation. The Church's representative schools ought to be equal to any others, and, if possible, better in equipment than all others. True, a college of high grade is appreciated not by the many, but by the few; not by those who never visit its halls or see its work; but by those who watch for the morning and are children of the light and of the day, ever seeking to improve God's gifts and their own talents, and helping mankind forward in all good things. Multitudes who are debtors to the men of high culture do not concern themselves about the source of that culture—care little for the far-off fountains of learning from which the streams of christian civilization flow, though they enjoy the blessings which those streams bring to all classes of society. How all professions, trades and interests, secular and sacred, are vitalized, advanced, benefitted in many ways by the colleges, few persons trouble themselves to enquire. How important it is to maintain a high standard of scholarship in these colleges fewer still seem to understand. This is to be regretted. They who take the trouble to think about it, know that the rank of the college is its life. Without a true grade of scholarship, it is a college only in name-deceiving the ignorant whom it ought to enlighten, and despised by the intelligent whom we desire to respect it. Presently, it dies naturally, for want of scholastic character.

No matter what may be its condition or its relations—endowed or unendowed, belonging to the Church or belonging to the State—if it lack a proper method and a proper compass of instruction, though it may for a time please, rather than profit the ignorant, it will after awhile be seen as of little profit, and then it will

no longer even please. Of course, for a time, it seems to be a success, but the hopes it excites are delusive.

This demagogue plan might do for some of this world's enterprises; but for honest Church work we must insist on carrying out our highest and best conceptions, though it cost us much patience, firmness, energy and courage. For such work a large capital is indispensable.

A GOOD COLLEGE IS AN EXPENSIVE THING.

It cannot be self-supporting in the popular sense of meeting its expenses by tuition fees. Left to such a resource it must perish.

If a pastoral charge were to depend on a similar plan of support, it would likewise perish. If every member of the Church should be required to pay the same fee as the students do, and the sum total thus obtained should be the only resource of the Church for expenses, how many members of the pastoral charge would we find willing to adopt the plan? how many pastoral charges would be supported? And suppose that, in order to supply these members with pastoral instruction, we needed not a single pastor, but, as at college, ten or a dozen teachers, what support would they receive? But the fact is, while it is expected that a hundred and fifty or two hundred students shall support a dozen instructors, and meet all other expense of a college, a pastoral charge of many hundreds of people are expected to pay but a few hundred dollars to support one man and meet the other expenses of perhaps a single house of worship.

Let us take another view: The expense of a college is a necessary and invariable quantity, determined by the rank of the institution and the amount of work to be done; the tuition fees are made low enough to suit the average ability of those who are likely to seek collegiate instruction, and to compete with cheap schools; the poorer students must be provided for in some other way, perhaps as beneficiaries, as with us. Where, then, will the college obtain the necessary funds to meet its annual expenses, and educate beneficiaries besides? Not from tuition fees, for these are not sufficient, and cannot be, without raising the price of tuition to a rate too high. The capital needed ought to be in some invested fund bearing interest sufficient to supplement income from tuition fees.

Yet, because this necessary capital is not furnished, are we to be told the College is a beggar? No; the College is only an enterprise which its owners have undertaken to run on insufficient capital. And this is most painfully realized when special expenses are added to ordinary current expenses: when new buildings are to be erected, new apparatus to be purchased, and repairs are to be made. In such an emergency the College cannot, like the State, levy a tax for increased expenses; but like a pastoral charge, when a new house of worship is wanted, it must go to the people and ask for voluntary contributions. But here, again, we meet the same old difficulty—that the mass of the people do not appreciate the College work for which the funds are to be expended. What then? Must we diminish the work, and proportionably diminish the productive value of the College? Or must we become despondent and indifferent to this work? I answer. No. In this condition of the case, first of all it becomes our duty not to decrease in faith and zeal, but to increase our efforts; not to drop into the ranks of those who do nothing, but to work more earnestly, as men who see how much their faithful exertions are needful to accomplish the great end we seek.

Among those who have sound learning and faithful teaching, Randolph Macon is already of such well-known value that no appeals are necessary to enhance their appreciation of it. It has a name they love to cherish. In every page of her history there is something to honor. There is an attraction in her very poverty and struggle against multiform difficulties. In all our Southern land no institution of learning has done more for education, in the same period of time, and with such limited means.

How anxious I have been to serve this great education-work. I have not words to express. As I entered upon this labor, it seemed to me that it afforded a method of serving the Kingdom of Christ, at once toilsome, yet sure and sublime in its results. All my religious enthusiasm entered into it to overcome what was difficult, and to sustain me against those features in it that were distasteful. All the faith and zeal I had flowed into its life, and wrought for its advancement. My sanguine hope was that long before this some man or men of means would appreciate this grand old College, and would crown my labors for it with some princely gift, by which it would at once be fully made ready for the largest good. But, alas! our rich men have not done this while living, and when they have died they have left their wealth to others. Our chief reliance must be upon those sensible people of moderate means, who will unite their smaller gifts till the necessary capital for this work is realized.

During the past year, our agent, Rev. T. A. Ware, has labored with great earnestness, and has rendered the College great service. I cannot speak too highly of his intelligent fidelity to the hard task assigned him. He has done what he could.

Our professors and instructors are most valuable and faithful workmen, and merit your admiration and warmest encouragement.

Our students are well-behaved and diligent. Many of them are very earnest and pious young men. Twenty two are students of divinity; sixteen are sons of ministers. We have in actual attendance at this day one hundred and twenty-five. For these times of financial embarrassment, and in comparison with the patronage of other institutions in the Southern States, this attendance is by no means discouraging.

It is gratifying to report that our new building—a large and handsome house containing six delightful lecture-rooms—is now nearly completed. This will add greatly to our comfort. Now let the church erect a main centre building, additional rooms for students, and endow the chairs of instruction, improve the library and the apparatus for the School of Science, and we shall have an outfit that will be worthy of our zeal, our wealth, and of the work we have under taken.

How can this be accomplished? I answer again, by the influence of the pulpit. Be silent in the pulpit, or show but little interest concerning this matter, and relegate the claims of education to college officials only, and the work will go on but slowly, and the college officials will exhaust their health and strength to make it even go on at all. But be bold, earnest, outspoken, enthusiastic for this work in the pulpit, and give it a high place among the most important interests of the church before the people, and it will flourish with increasing prosperity under your wise and healthful cultivation. This tree our fathers planted

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will become every season more vigorous and beautiful, and will bring forth ruit yet more abundantly to rejoice God's people and glorify his holy name.

As we aspire to rank with the true leaders of Christian intelligence; as we sweep onward in the great circles of itinerant ministrations of the gospel among the increasing thousands whom it seems to be the mission of Methodism to serve and to save; as we share largely in all other plans and movements for winning the human race to Jesus; as we strive to counteract the immoral secularism of a materialistic age, to neutralize the poison of a literature that pays no homage to Christ, and to show mankind that we also, as well as scientists and philosophers, speak "wisdom among them that are perfect," let us illustrate our wisdom, benevolence and power, by an institution of learning whose literary attractions shall win the just admiration of all classes, and whose religious worth shall attest how possible it is to employ sanctified learning as a sword of the Spirit—a weapon of light, most irresistible and victorious against the rulers of darkness in high places.

Respectfully submitted,

November 16, 1876.

JAS. A. DUNCAN.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We congratulate the Church on the general work of education done among us during the past year. The schools directly under our patronage, or in affiliation with us, have done a valuable service in behalf of Methodism. Large numbers of well-educated young persons of both sexes have been sent forth in the community prepared to engage directly in teaching, or to take their places in life with all the advantages of well-trained minds.

The positive benefit to society of such persons can hardly be over-estimated. Each one is a centre of influence that multiplies its power in an ever-increasing ratio as mind after mind is reached and directed by a well-trained educator.

In looking for schools, our people should be able to find in them all those qualifications in those who conduct them that will develop intellectual capacities, and at the same time bring the whole nature of the pupil under the positive, purifying, and ennobling influences of religion. Both sexes must be trained, not for the purpose of showing off in the mere ornaments of a modern education, but with a view to real work in the ever-changing conditions of human life. But we must not forget that the foundations of such education must be laid at home, in the family circle, by fathers and mothers. The first and greatest responsibility rests upon them, and they cannot, without criminal dereliction of parental obligations, and equally criminal neglect of the happiness and usefulness of their children, transfer such work to the teachers into whose hands their sons and daughters are passed when they leave home and enter the school. Home is

the place where the intellectual and moral bias is received; and many an honest, earnest, and capable teacher has had to bear the odium of failure with an incorrigible pupil who came into his hands with a nature so dwarfed, warped and perverted as to put all his efforts to educate it into anything valuable to society utterly at defiance. The fault was not in the teacher, the school, nor the methods; but in the callous lump of humanity that could not be made to fit any mould except the ugly and distorted one of its own household.

And, on the other hand, no parents who had striven to train their children, from the first dawn of reason, under the influences of the noblest principles, and to instil into their minds the lessons of truth, should be willing to hand them over to instructors deficient in any of the qualifications requisite to carry them forward in the paths in which parental piety and solicitude had started them.

A teacher loose in method, careless in statement, hot and hasty in words, slovenly in manners, and without the patience needful for his work, is only fitted to reproduce himself in the character of his pupils.

()ur people cannot be too cautious in selecting the teachers to whom they are to commit their children at that most critical period of passage from youth to adult age.

The question of health, and the means of retaining it, or of promoting it in those who are of feeble constitutions, should be considered; for a sound mind in a sound body is one of the main conditions of a thorough education. The sanitary regulations of every school should be looked into with as much care, as we show in ascertaining the mental and moral fitness of the corps of instruction.

And whether those who are to train our children are mere theorists, or possess a practical turn of mind which enables them to understand what men and women were made for, are questions that must be satisfactorily answered before we should consent to commit to their training those tender and dear treasures of our hearts.

It gives us a real satisfaction to know that within this Conference there are schools to which our children may be sent under the conviction that they will receive from competent teachers such mental and moral culture as will show them life in its true value, and qualify them for its work.

All the schools for the instruction of girls, so far as the Committee has reliable information, are doing well. The hardness of the times has, to some extent, affected them, with all other enterprises, but nearly all are holding their own, while some have made progress in the face of serious obstacles.

The Farmville College, Rev. Paul Whitehead, President, sends a cheering report: Up to this date, 103 pupils have been entered, an increase of 20 over the same time last year; and the increase has been greater in proportion among the boarding pupils. This school has gained steadily a good position, and is becoming better and more favorably known among our people, especially in the region surrounding Farmville.

The corps of instruction remains unchanged and maintains its efficiency, and the course of study is being improved and enlarged, especially in the English department. The character of those who conduct this school is a sufficient guarantee that the pupils will be brought under good, home-like, religious influences.

Wesleyan Female College, Rev. W. G. Starr, President, is still doing its work

with remarkable success. It is located at a point in the Conference that enables it to command a large patronage, and to gather its pupils in a mild and genial winter climate. It is fully officered with a board of instruction who do their work with an earnestness of purpose to give the scholars such mental and moral training as will fit them for all the work of life. Owing to the great depression in the cotton-growing interests in the section from which this school draws its patronage, the number of students is not as great this year as last, the present number being 127; but this, in these times, is highly encouraging, and as the burdens are gradually lifted from the shoulders of the people, the girls will again crowd the halls of this honored and useful institution. The religious influences are decided, and the most gracious revivals have marked its whole career. It is located in the beautiful and cultured town of Murfreesboro, N. C.

The schools in Petersburg are reported to be in good condition. The Southern Female College is under the care of that veteran and accomplished educator, Williams T. Davis, Esq., assisted by a competent corps of instructors. Our people need not hesitate in patronizing this school.

We are pleased to learn that the Petersburg Female College, in charge of Mrs. F. M. Wright, is prospering under its present management. It offers the advantages of first-class instruction, under fully competent teachers. We take pleasure in commending this school to our people.

The flourishing female school at Bowling Green, Caroline county, under the charge of Mrs. W. T. Chandler, is every way worthy of the patronage of our people. It is fully equipped in all respects, has a fine corps of able teachers, and gives thorough training under Christian influences. It affords us pleasure to commend this school.

Of Randolph Macon College, your Committee would speak in most earnest words. It is the long-cherished child of this Conference. The fathers who founded it are gone, all gone; but their work survives, and attests their wisdom in planting an institution which has enriched the Church year by year with cultivated laymen and ministers.

In the great English Cathedral, there is an unpretending slab of marble, bearing the name of Sir Christopher Wren, and the words, "If you would see his monument, look around." So we may say of Randolph Macon: If you would see her monument, look around. In almost every Conference of the Southern Church, there are men nobly doing their duty for God and their fellow-men, who were trained under her fostering care. In our own Conference she carries a history in the culture and work of her sons that will compare with that of any College in this land. And year by year she is adding page after page to this history by giving the Church well-trained men to stand for God's Truth against all the hosts of the unbelievers. Is it possible to estimate the combined moral power of all the graduates of this College in all the eventful and suffering years of her history? It is beyond computation. Only the records of eternity can furnish the data—only the light of eternity reveal them in their full significance.

The College casts itself with confidence upon the Church, and asks that means be given to enable it to go on with its work in ever-widening influences and ever-growing light and power. It has no other reliance, no other real friend, but the Church. If the mind and heart of the Church can be aroused to the full appre-

ciation of the value of the College as an instrument of Christian education, and to a deep and constant sympathy with all its work, then success will be assured.

And who is to do this? Who but the leaders of thought and action in the laity and in the ministry. They can awaken and keep alive, in the two Conferences more directly concerned, an interest that will open the hearts and purses of our

people, and lift the Institution to the highest degree of prosperity.

The Annual Report of the President strikes the key-note, when it declares that the pulpit is the lever to raise the College. Let the preachers say that Randolph Macon shall live, and she will live. They can fill her halls with students, and her treasury with funds. Her destiny always has been, and always will be, in their hands. We appeal to them with all the fervor of our souls to unite in one earnest and persistent effort to bring all our people to see the value of the College tried by all the tests of these skeptical days, and the absolute necessity for a higher appreciation of the work of thorough education under direct Christian influences.

We can take no step backward in this work. The erection of new buildings must go on till we have all we need. The entire body of Methodists in the two patronizing Conferences must be aroused until each one shall come forward with his offering as God has prospered him.

Then, and not till then, will Randolph Macon live and flourish as a fountain of sanctified learning through all the ages to come.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

- 1. Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. J. A. Duncan, D. D., President, and Rev. T. A. Ware, Agent of R. M. College; Rev. Wm. G. Starr, President of Wesleyan Female College; Rev. Paul Whitehead, President of Farmville College; and Rev. J. C. Granbery, D. D., Professor in Vanderbilt University.
- 2. Resolved, That we will heartily co-operate with the President and Agent of R. M. College in the execution of such plans for the prosperity of the institution as they and the Board of Trustees may adopt.
- 3. Resolved, That the preachers, in taking up the educational collections, be requested to explain to our congregations the grounds upon which they are expected to sustain the College by such collections, and to show them the positive return that Randolph Macon gives the Church for all her contributions in her behalf.
- 4. Resolved, That the Joint Board of Finance be requested to apportion the usual assessment for the College among the several Districts.
- 5. Resolved, That the members of our Church be urged to give greater attention to the education of their daughters, and to patronize, wherever practicable, the excellent Methodist Female Schools within the bounds of our Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BENNETT, Chairman.

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ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Your committee do not deem it necessary, at this day, to enter upon any extended discussion of the power of the press, either for good or evil. Its potency for evil is already seen and felt by all observing and thinking men, in the enervating, infidel, meretricious and wicked literature which pours forth over all the land, like a flood of dark waters, in the form of newspapers, magazines and reviews, from the press, under the control of corrupt and ungodly men destitute of the truth.

We believe that those having charge of the religious education of our young people, and those who furnish mental food for them, have not been altogether blameless in this matter, in that they have placed and allowed to be placed in our Sunday school libraries and in the hands of our children, books giving false views of life, promoting a sickly sentimentality, vitiating the moral taste, enervating the intellect, and sometimes teaching doctrines contrary to the truth, as the truth is in Jesus. As christians and christian teachers, we cannot sound the alarm too often, too loudly, nor too earnestly in this matter.

The best and wisest men in the Church of God have long known and appreciated the power of the press for good when properly controlled, and have employed it with grand and most precious results. The value and importance of the press are constantly growing in the estimation of the Church; its blessed results are daily augmenting, and the circle of its influence is continually widening. The religious press has done and is still doing much for the promotion of truth and christianity; and is destined to do far more. We pray for and expect the time when a sanctified press shall send forth a pure religious literature, like the water of the river of life, to bless and refresh the nations.

Among the agencies already engaged, in this great and good work, we have our own Richmond Christian Advocate under the editorial management of Revs. W. W. Bennett, D. D., and J. J. Lafferty. This paper has long been a weekly visitor to the homes of our people, carrying light and comfort to many hearts, defending our doctrines and tenets, and aiding our ministers in their work. It has become an indispensable part and parcel of Methodism in Virginia. It is well and ably conducted.

The Southern Review, edited and published by Rev. A. T. Bledsoe, L.L. D., and Mrs. S. Bledsoe Herrick, is a work of great ability and merit.

Your committee had under consideration a communication from Dr. A. H. Redford, agent, in regard to the condition and affairs of the Southern Methodist Publishing House in Nashville. According to Dr. Redford's estimate and report, the assets of the Publishing House are \$576,842.26, and the liabilities are \$260,990.49. During the past year the House has reduced its indebtedness \$5,695.20, and increased its capital \$9,150.22. The agent regrets that he cannot make so favorable a report as he desires. The committee very much regret that

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the facts communicated to us in regard to the Publishing House are so meagre; that we have so few details and particulars; that we have no account of the amount and character of the business done during the past year. We especially invite the attention of the "Book Committee" to this fact.

We present the following resolutions:

- 1. Resolved, That the exhibit made of the condition of our Publishing House is not sufficient in its details to enable us to offer any satisfactory suggestions other than—First, To earnestly endorse the recommendation it contains, to wit: That we seek an increased distribution of our literature among our Sabbath schools and people. Secondly, That we express it as our judgment, that in view of the very heavy liabilities of the House, a constant adherence to the instructions to the Book Committee to conduct the business hereafter on a strictly cash basis, is a prime necessity to the integrity of the House; and Thirdly, That we earnestly urge our brethren who are indebted to the Publishing House to settle their accounts at once.
- 2. Resolved, That it is our deliberate judgment, that our agent ought to send to the Annual Conference a more detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements of the House, that we, as a Conference, might obtain a clearer knowledge or better understanding of the general condition of the Publishing House.
- 3. Resolved, That we cordially commend to the patronage of our membership the Christian Advocate published at Nashville, and edited by Rev. T. O. Summers, D. D.
- 4. Resolved, That we call the attention of the Methodist people to a book of sermons by Bishop Marvin, published by our Publishing House at Nashville; and also to Dr. A. G. Haygood's book, entitled "Our Children;" and urge them to procure and read these sound and able works.
- 5. Resolved, That we re-affirm, with great pleasure, our high appreciation of the "Southern Review," edited by Dr. A. T. Bledsoe, as a most valuable agent in the defence of the truth, and do most cordially commend it to the patronage of our people and the public at large.
 - 6. Resolved, That the Richmond Christian Advocate has the first claim upon the patronage of our membership; that it is worthy of a large and liberal support; and that we urge our brethren of the Conference to seek to increase its circulation, until it shall be found in the family of every member of our Church.

H. C. CHEATHAM, Chairman.

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ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School Committee beg leave to report as follows:

Our holy religion is adapted to every phase of human condition. Its living principles are perpetually active under the hand of the great Master, and are constant in their pulsations through all the changes of time. The great end of creation is the glory of the Creator in the well-being of the created.

"He made me for his glory" is the answer to a first question of the Catechism.

The highest glory of God in man is holiness—the renewal in the image of God. To habits of obedience, from a sense of duty, is the great end of the Gospel plan. This is the central idea of the Christian system around which all other thoughts revolve. "Be ye holy" is the command. To "present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" is the great end of the whole scheme. For this, the sacred page glitters with the thoughts of God; for this the Church lives, with her Sabbaths, her altars, her sacraments, her living voice and tongue of fire; for this, her ten thousand instrumentalities are employed—and this is the blessed end of the Sabbath School work.

A little over one hundred years ago, God ordained Methodism to "spread scriptural holiness" throughout the lands, and simultaneously with it, He projected the idea of Sabbath instruction of children in the precepts and history of the Bible.

What a wonderful display of the great truth that God is in his Church working and ordering it after the counsel of his own will, is to be found in this form of Christian work?

Who cannot discover that the systematic instruction of the children of the Church, has possibly been the surest, if not the only safe guard against those subtle forms of infidelity, to be found in the distinctions of the scientists, and the materialism clothed in the garb of religion, which have been steadily flowing in upon the Church during the past century? What a stupendous power is here placed in the hands of the Church if she uses it rightly!—a power against which the "gates of hell shall not prevail"—and which is lifting humanity to God.

Thousands and tens of thousands of faithful workers are engaged in teaching millions of young minds the things of God on the holy Sabbath. Yet the "fields are white unto the harvest." In Virginia, examination will show that all branches of the Church together have not half the children in their Sunday Schools. Yet it is encouraging to know that in this hundredth year of our nation's history there is not a city or town, village or hamlet, where our children may not be taught of God.

The general use of the International system of lessons presents the sublime spectacle of millions of minds learning the same truths, at the same hour on the Sabbath day. Rev. Dr. Cunnyngham, our efficient Sabbath School Secretary, has introduced this system into our magazine and lesson papers, and adapted it to the wants of Methodist schools in a manner deserving praise.

We must, however, express our regret at the neglect of the Methodist catechism, and think our superintendents would do well to appropriate, at least a short time of each session, to instruction in the catechism. The instruction of our children in the doctrines and polity of our Church, is becoming a felt necessity. Many of our people grow up with no clear and settled opinions about the distinctive tenets, rules and practical working of Methodism, and are therefore easily influenced to join other churches, which might probably be remedied by the publication of a short catechism on the polity and government of our Church, for the use of our Sunday Schools. In conclusion, while we regret that we have been unable to obtain statistical reports from the various charges, to enable us to give accurate figures, yet the reports we have received indicate that this great interest is everywhere advancing. Hundreds of precious souls have been con-

verted during the past year; and there is an increase of 1486 scholars in the numbers attending our schools.

We recommend the following:

- Resolved 1. That we heartily endorse the introduction of the International system of lessons into our Sunday School Magazine lesson papers, Visitor, and Little People, and earnestly recommend their use in all our Sunday Schools.
- 2. That we regard the book recently published by Rev. A. G. Haygood, D. D., entitled "Our Children," and to be had of T. L. D. Walford, of Richmond, Va., as a valuable contribution to our Sunday School literature, and commend it to our people everywhere.
- 3. That we earnestly recommend the Superintendents of our Sabbath School⁸ to give special attention to the study of our catechisms, in connection with the International lessons.
- 4. That we request Rev. G. H. Ray to act as Statistical agent, to gather information in the bounds of the Conference, and report to the Committee on Sunday Schools (on the first day), at the ensuing session of the Annual Conference, touching, 1st. General Statistics, including moneys, &c. 2d. Number of periodicals taken. 3d. Number of conversions. 4th. Number of children attending public worship. 5th. Number of children in the Sunday Schools who are members of the Church. 6th. Mode of conducting schools. 7th. Number of schools kept up during winter.
- 5. That wherever it is deemed expedient, the following form of opening and conducting the Sunday Schools be recommended:

1st. Singing by the school.
2d. Reading the Scriptures, one verse by the Superintendent, and the next by the school in unison.

3d. Prayer by Superintendent.

4th. Apostle's Creed and the Ten Commandments repeated by the whole

5th. Recitation by the classes.

6th. General examination by the Superintendent, followed by singing.

7th. Close with repeating the Lord's Prayer by the whole school.

GEO. H. RAY, Chairman.

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ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee charged with the consideration of the interests of the Bible Cause beg leave to report:

The Bible, the Word of Life, the appointed instrument for the world's spiritual emancipation, and the Church, to whom is committed its lively oracles for universal dissemination, impose upon us, as a Christian people, a very grave responsibility touching the subject submitted to our consideration, which demands action in keeping with the great interests involved.

The Virginia Bible Society, with its facilities for the distribution of the inspired volume, without note or comment, we regard as a proper channel through which we may give suitable direction to our efforts for the spread of Gospel truth.

During the period of about five years, with what has been contributed by the friends of the cause in the State, and the generous aid granted by the American Bible Society, the Virginia Bible Society has distributed over 86,000 volumes of scripture, valued at about \$29,000. The Society, through its missionaries, has visited 77,700 families, and carried the blessed Book to more than 50,000 of our destitute population.

Owing to the great financial depression, which has more or less affected all benevolent institutions, the Society finds great difficulty in securing funds to meet its imperative demands.

From April, 1875, to April, 1876, only the sum of \$1,989 03 were contributed by all the churches in the State. During the same period, the Society gave to the destitute poor 8,526 volumes, valued at \$2,080 92. From April, 1876, to the present date it has received only about \$700 from all the churches in the State, hardly enough to pay for the books actually given away. This, we believe, is due not so much to the limited number of agents in the field as to the want of interest on the part of many of the religious denominations in the State. The American Bible Society, in view of its present financial condition, cannot, as in the past, continue its liberal donations to the Virginia Bible Society, so that it has now reached a period in its history when it must depend mainly upon the hearty co operation and material aid of the evangelical churches of the State to carry forward its operations. Unless this material aid be furnished, the work must be discontinued. In view of these facts, your committee offer the following resolutions for the adoption of this body:

Resolved, 1. That we, as in the past, re-affirm our devotion to the Virginia Bible Society, and pledge to it our continued countenance and support.

Resolved, 2. That we incorporate the Bible cause into the list of benevolent enterprises recognized by this Conference, and request our ministers to present its claims to their respective congregations, and take up a collection for its benefit

Resolved, 3. That the ministers of this Conference be requested, to the extent consistent with other demands made upon their time and attention, to render assistance to the General Agent in the prosecution of the work of the Society.

Resolved, 4. That the Presiding Bishop of this Conference, as desired by the Board of Managers, be requested to continue the Rev. John G. Rowe in his present relation as Agent of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

RO. A. ARMISTEAD, Chairman.

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CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS & HOME EVANGELIZATION.

The Board of Missions of the Virginia Annual Conference, in making their report, feel that they have cause for encouragement in their work, and congratulate the Conference on the return of another anniversary under such auspicious circumstances. Notwithstanding the depressed condition of the financial interests of the country, there has been an encouraging interest in our Missionary work. While our people have not done all that they might have done in supporting this cause, yet the collections have been generally good in most of our pastoral charges, and we have reason to believe that the true Missionary spirit of the gospel of Christ is more generally pervading the minds and hearts of the members of the Church.

The brethren who have been employed on our Mission fields during the past Conference year, have labored earnestly and faithfully, and, in most instances, successfully under many discouragements and difficulties.

Those of us who have been so fortunate as to have more prosperous fields of labor hardly know how to appreciate the hardships and personal sacrifices borne by these faithful men of God on some of our Mission fields. We have cause to thank the Great Head of the Church that their labors have been blessed, and many souls have been converted.

Some of our Missions have become, in part, self-sustaining, and make their reports directly to the Conference, others have been absorbed by the adjacent Circuits, and will not be included in this report.

The Board has found it necessary, in addition to the appropriations made to Mission fields proper, also to assist some of our feeble Circuits and Stations situated in the suburbs of our cities and in districts of country where the members are few in number and not able to support a regular pastor without this pecuniary aid from our Missionary collections. It will be seen, then, in view of these facts, that the report from what are strictly Mission fields, and the appropriations to these fields do not include all that is being done by the Board in the work of Home Evangelization. We have received reports from the following Missions: Piedmont, Salem, Dennisville, Chesterfield, West Goochland, Leesville, Barboursville, Dorchester, Alleghany, Ringgold and the German Mission.

Rev. G. W. Bailey has been in charge of the Piedmont Mission. This brother has labored faithfully and with much success. It has a membership of four hundred and tweuty, which is a net increase of twenty members since our last report. There have been forty-five adult baptisms. There is, in this Mission, four Sunday schools, numbering twenty officers and teachers and one hundred and fifty scholars. It has two church edifices valued at \$800. It has a library of two hundred volumes. The people are very poor, but are doing all they can to sup-

port their preacher. Brother Bailey has served this people when his salary did not exceed twenty-five dollars a year, but is willing to spend his life among them in telling them the story of the cross. He has good congregations, and preaches to over fifteen hundred people. The Mission is in a prosperous condition.

Rev. Richard Stephens has had charge of the Salem Mission. This is a new Mission, established at our last Conference. It has a membership of thirty-seven, and the spiritual condition of the Church has been much improved during the year. It was blessed with a revival, during which twelve persons were converted, and all of them joined the Church. Brother Stephens reports that there are several appointments in a destitute portion of country which might be profitably occupied in connection with this work, if an appropriation could be obtained sufficient to justify the effort. Brother Joseph A. Proctor, the Presiding Elder, says, in regard to this Mission, "The Church, Salem, is located in the centre of an extensive and destitute country, where there is ample room for the formation of a good self-sustaining Circuit. A railroad has recently been completed through this country, and many, and some of them very good Methodists from the North, have settled in this section. The Missionary employed by the Presiding Elder is a good man, and worthy of encouragement and support. I hope the Board of Missions will appropriate at least \$125 for this work."

Rev. Robert Michaels has been in charge of the Dennisville Mission during the past Conference year. This Mission embraces portions of country lying between Amelia and Nottoway Courthouses, about 25 miles in length and 15 in breadth. This large, destitute country was made by the consolidation of appointments on the adjacent Circuits, leaving wholly unoccupied enough territory to form a Circuit. In this field we have only one small house of worship, and there is but one organized class of 17 members, most of whom were added to the Church during the past year. The prospect is good for organizing another class at an early period. Brother Michaels has labored faithfully and with encouraging success. He thinks we cannot afford to give up this ground. The people will be literally "as sheep without a shepherd," and will soon be destroyed by fatal error. The preaching of the Word is largely attended, and increasing interest and solemnity pervade the congregation.

Rev. James Baily has had charge of the Chesterfield Mission. It has a membership of 37, which is an increase of 12 since last report. It has also an increase in its Sunday School statistics. It has three Sunday Schools, numbering in officers and teachers 15, and in scholars 78. It has expended one hundred and forty dollars in building and repairing Churches, and has now three Church edifices. Brother Baily has made 247 pastoral visits, preached 187 sermons, and has had 16 conversions. He thinks this a very important field, and with proper care will result in great good to the Church.

Rev. R. H. Mullen has been in charge of the West Goochland Mission. This is a new field, embracing a large extent of country in Goochland and Louisa counties. It has six regular appointments, with a membership of 110.

There is a new Church in process of erection at Liberty, where there is a small class, which will soon be completed. This Church is absolutely necessary to the success of this field.

Brother Mullen reports that he held three protracted meetings, which resulted

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in fourteen conversions, nine of whom joined the Church. He reports nine adult and thirteen infant baptisms.

REPORTS.

During the year Bro. Mullen has preached 114 sermons, visited every member of the Church, most of them several times; visited about 50 families outside of the Church membership, and traveled on foot upwards of 1000 miles in the prosecution of his work. He believes that if this work is assisted for a few years, it will become self-sustaining, and a Circuit to be desired. This Mission has one Sunday School, numbering in officers and teachers 11, and in scholars 60. Money expended for Sunday Schools \$25, and for building Churches \$250. Bro. Mullen is an earnest, faithful Methodist preacher, a successful worker, and deserves our sympathy and support in his noble work.

Rev. R. A. Lee has been in charge of the Leesville Mission. This Mission is not in a very prosperous condition, though there has been some success in the work of the preacher in charge. It has a membership of 111; two Church edifices, valued at \$500. It has three Sunday Schools, with 30 officers and teachers, and 150 scholars. Bro. Lee has labored earnestly and faithfully.

Rev. Wm. G. Clarke has been in charge of the Barboursville Mission. This field embraces a large and fertile section of country, about thirty miles in length and twenty in breadth, along the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, in the county of Albemarle, between the Rapid Ann and Rivanna rivers. In this territory there are four regular appointments, with an aggregated membership of 67. This is an interesting and important field, and with proper care and development, would become a good, self-sustaining Circuit.

Bro. Clarke has labored earnestly and faithfully, under many discouragements, and has had several revivals, and some additions to the Church.

Rev. James H. Dalby has had charge of the Dorchester Mission. This Mission is in a prosperous condition. There have been 87 additions to the Church during the year. It has a membership of 87; four Sunday Schools, with 35 officers and teachers, and 200 scholars; 335 volumes in library. It has two Church edifices, and one Church in process of erection.

Rev. David J. Traynham has had charge of the Alleghany Mission. This Mission is in an improving condition. It has 150 members; has had 57 additions to the Church during the year and 27 conversions. It has five Sunday Schools, 161 teachers and scholars. There are four Church edifices in good condition; \$250 expended for Church building purposes. The membership are generally poor, but manifest much interest in the Church, and try to sustain the gospel.

This Mission is located in the western part of Franklin and Patrick counties, has six regular appointments, and in many respects is an interesting field of labor, and needs the fostering care of the Board.

Rev. J. H. Forbes has been in charge of the Ringgold Mission. This Mission has three Church edifices and 90 members. It has two Sunday Schools, eight officers and teachers, and sixty scholars. The prospects of the Mission are encouraging. It has been blessed with some extensive revivals and many conversions.

Rev. G. Meyer has been in charge of the German Mission work. This charge is situated in the city of Richmond, and is the only regularly organized German Mission we have in the bounds of the Virginia Conference. Bro. Meyer

is an earnest Methodist preacher, thoroughly devoted to his work, and labors with great zeal and success among his people.

He reports the following statistics: Members 37, increase this year 16. One Sunday School, numbering ten officers and teachers, and 92 scholars, an increase of 20 scholars this year. Raised for current expenses, nearly \$200. It has a Dorcas Society, which has supplied 20 children with clothing. There are two weekly prayer meetings in connection with this charge, which are well attended. The congregations are increasing, and the Mission is steadily improving.

Rev. E. N. S. Blogg, the Superintendent of the German Mission work within the bounds of the Virginia Conference reports, that he has visited the Mission but four times during the year, but has been in weekly communication with Bro. Meyer, rendering all the assistance in his power, supplying him with periodicals and tracts, and other material aid for the Mission.

I beg leave to incorporate in this paper a report from Bro. Blogg, the Super-intendent of our German Mission work, as follows:

"REV. A. C. BLEDSOE, Secretary Board of Missions, Virginia Annual Conference.

Dear Brother—It is with no small degree of pleasure, and with much gratitude to Almighty God, that notwithstanding existing prejudices among ourselves against the German Mission in our own borders on the one hand, and a vast host of bigoted, unregenerated people, armed with strong batteries of scorn and infidelity on the other, I am enabled, by the grace of God, to report to your Board the amount of progress made, and success achieved by your laborers during the year now closed. The only field among the Germans in which we operate in the bounds of our Conference, is in the city of Richmond, indeed, a field white unto harvest, there being thousands of Germans here without church-fellowship, living in sin and ungodliness. This Mission work requires more than ordinary skill, an immense amount of patience, untiring perseverance, and above all, 'daily grace' and strong faith in Christ; for Methodism is by no means a popular thing among the Germans, who from early childhood are either imbued with the most bigoted high Churchism, or with the blackest dye of infidelity, and for this rea. son they despise our doctrines and decry us as an enthusiastic sect. These are powerful enemies against which your German Missionaries have to battle for the truth; and yet in all their hard toils, self-sacrifice and labor, they are forced to hear the cry from brethren: What slow progress are you making, considering the large amount of Mission money expended among you?

Look, if you please, I would say to these brethren, at some of the Mission fields in our own Conference, where in some of them Missionary appropriations have been made for the last 20 or 30 years, and which without such appropriations, to-day could not sustain a minister, even at the smallest salary. Now glance at our German work. A mere infant in our Missionary operations, and this is a truly Missionary field, for we are preaching the gospel to a class of population who, in the providence of God, have been placed at your very doors, and who have not, at least nine-tenths of them, even the form of godliness. And now, Bro. Gottlieb Meyer reports this year, 37 members against 23 last year, and among these as good and faithful and soundly converted Methodists—men and women, with family altars in their houses and vital religion in their hearts, as can be pointed

out in any membership, for it is one undeniable peculiarity of our Germans, that after they cannot withstand the converting power of the Holy Ghost any longer, they become truly attached to our beloved Methodism which they formerly despised."

E. N. S. Blogg.

We pay this year fifty-five (55) per cent. on the appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. EDWARDS, President.

A. C. BLEDSOE, Secretary.

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ON FRATERNITY.

The committee appointed to consider what action would be appropriate on the part of this Conference in regard to the results of the meeting between the Commissioners of the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South, held at Cape May, N. J., August, 1876, beg leave to offer for adoption the following:

Whereas, For more than thirty years wide difference of opinion on vital questions has prevented formal fraternal intercourse and relations between the two grand divisions of American Methodism, the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and

Whereas, By the action of the General Conferences of the two Churches, commissioners were appointed, clothed with full powers to adjust all difficulties, and to open the way for formal fraternity, and

Whereas, Said Commissioners, in a joint meeting held at Cape May, N. J., in August, 1876, unanimously agreed upon and duly published a plan of settlement; therefore

Resolved, 1. That the adjustment so unanimously and heartily effected by the Commissioners is, in our opinion, fair and honorable to both the contracting parties, and should be hailed with the liveliest satisfaction, and with devout gratitude to Almighty God, by all who desire the peace of Zion and the prosperity of Methodism.

Resolved, 2. That we regard the action of the Commission in the premises as an authoritative and final settlement of the questions in issue, and binding upon all the ministers and members of the two churches represented, and that we cordially acquiesce in and will faithfully abide by the same.

Resolved, 3. That we have been deeply affected by intelligence of the death of Rev. E. H. Myers, D. D., Chairman of the Commissioners on Fraternity, and to whom the church is largely indebted for the happy results of the Cape May conference, and that we tender to his family and his Conference our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

P. A. PETERSON, Chairman,

L. M. LEE, J. A. DUNCAN, J. POWELL GARLAND,

J. E. EDWARDS, J. F. BRANNIN,

J. R. KILBY,

F. H. SMITH,

H. W. MURRAY,

Committee.

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

The "Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church, South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans," respectfully reports that during the year it has steadily persevered in its noble work, despite the indifference of some of those whose active and cordial co-operation the Society had a right to expect. But the Society is not discouraged. Its increase will be found to be nearly fifteen hundred dollars per year. The report of Bro. J. H. Dawson, the excellent and efficient Treasurer of the Society, annexed, will show more fully the operations of the Society for the past year.

The report herewith submitted differs from the last annual report to the Conference, in that it extends from the 10th of November, 1875, to the 10th of November, 1876, thereby including the receipts at the Conference session in 1875, and not, as heretofore, the receipts of the current session. Hereafter the annual reports will be made up to a specified day previous to the session of the Conference, so as to avoid making two extended reports in detail, with only a Respectfully, few days intervening.

JOHN R. KILBY,

President of Society for Relief of Preachers, &c.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 21st, 1876.

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER FOR YEAR ENDING NOV. 10th, 1876.

To the Board of Directors of the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference M. E. Church, South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans:

DEAR BRETHREN, -Your Secretary and Treasurer begs leave to offer the following report of the transactions of the Society during the fiscal year from the 11th day of November, 1875, to the 10th day of November, 1876, inclusive:

RECEIPTS.

1875. Nov. 11-	-Balance on deposit this date in Exchange National	\$3,507	76
" Nov. 23-	-Amount received at Conference in Danville	φο,ουτ	10
	on account of subscriptions\$ 934 00 Amount received at Conference in Danville		
	as donations 23 85		
1876. Nov. 10-	-Amount received in office during the fiscal year on subscriptions 574 50	•	
•	Am't rec'd during fiscal year as donations 13 75		
	"interest on deposits in bank 264 85		
	" on \$2,600 Norfolk City Bonds 78 00	\$1,888	95
		\$5,396	71
	DISBURSEMENTS.		
1875. Nov. 23	—Amount appropriated at Conference in Dan- ville on recommendation from Joint Board		
	of Finance\$ 210 00		
1876.	Am't paid for \$5,600 Norfolk City Bonds 4,708 00 Secretary and Treasurer's salary		
	for 12 months 300 00	F 950	00
•	Am't paid for stamps, envelopes & printing 38 00	5,256	
1876. Nov. 10	Balance on deposit this date, as per bank book, here-	\$140	71
	with	\$140	11
The present	assets of the Society are:		
	folk City 6 per cent. registered stock, costing\$4,708 00	64 949	71
Cash in Dank.	140_71	44,040	11
	g par value of interest-bearing stock\$5,740 71	1	240
are as follows	rative condition and working of the Society in 1875 ar	id in 18	376
	of subscribers last November was	1.	654
66	at present is	1,	700
The aggregate	e subscription last November was	\$46,870	00
The total rece	eipts from all sources last year	1,765	81
6.6	this year	1,888	
Expenses for	the year ending 10th November, 1875 10th November, 1876	381 338	
Aggregate am	ount in hand last November was now (bonds at actual cost)	3,507	
During the	year I have been engaged in urging collections by mail an	4,848 nd throi	
	During the past summer, the postoffice book, containing		
of subscribers	s and the amounts of their subscriptions and payment	ts, toget	her
with other do	ocuments, was sent by express to several of the Distri	ct Con	fer-

During the year I have been engaged in urging collections by mail and through our agents. During the past summer, the postoffice book, containing the names of subscribers and the amounts of their subscriptions and payments, together with other documents, was sent by express to several of the District Conferences. I regret, however, to say, except in one or two instances, little prominence was given to the interests of the Society, or opportunity afforded to press its claims.

I have, also, by reports and appeals through the R. C. Advocate, endeavored to awaken a more general interest in our work.

The Advocate is entitled to our thanks for the free use of its columns in this connection.

The result of these combined efforts, while less than we would wish, is yet gratifying, in view of the extreme pressure upon all the activities and industries of the country. The direct receipts from subscriptions and donations is \$1,546 10 against \$1,609 50 of last year, while the interest on deposits and investments is \$342 85 against \$155 91 of last year, netting a larger addition to the main fund than was realized last year by \$123 54.

By the advice of the President and Geo. M. Bain, Esq., one of your number, I have purchased \$5,600 worth of Norfolk City 6 per cent. registered stock. at a cost of \$4,708, average cost 84 cents to the dollar. and falling due from 1880 to 1885. This investment is considered as safe as any we could possibly make, and at the same time will have yielded, when we receive principal and interest in full, an annual increase of 10 per cent. on the amount invested. The city of Norfolk is now paying interest regularly as it falls due, and I expect to collect in January and July, 1877, \$336 from that source alone.

The bonds are registered in the name of the Society, and I suggest that, if it be your pleasure, you give me authority to collect the interest on them.

Permit me again to suggest the importance of engaging the services of a traveling agent. I fear that, for lack of such an instrumentality, hundreds of dollars are annually lost to our fund from those who are already subscribers. Many will pay on personal application who will not, or cannot, conveniently remit in other ways; and many more subscriptions may be obtained by such means than can possibly be expected through the use of the postoffice and the press.

I have been unable to learn anything further from the matter mentioned at the last Conference, of the bequest by Miss Brown, of Kentucky. Neither have I received any of the assets of the old Virginia Conference Relief Society, but have the promise of some action on the subject at this Conference.

I herewith submit my books and vouchers, and request an examination by a proper committee.

Respectfully,

J. H. DAWSON,

Secretary and Treasurer Preachers' Relief Society.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 10, 1876.

We recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved. That the Bishop be requested to appoint an agent for the Preachers' Relief Society for the next Conference year.

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PREACHERS' EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

The President of the Educational Board of the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South, begs leave to report that we had in our Treasury, when we last made our report, the sum of \$65.10. Since then we have collected \$644.32, with which we have paid the expenses of seven young preachers at Randolph Macon College, in whole and in part to the present time, and have now in our Treasury the sum of \$379.27.

In accordance with a resolution passed at our last Conference, authorizing the President of your Board to appoint collectors in all our Churches to raise funds to carry on our work, about seven hundred were appointed and duly notified by printed circulars. And while a very large majority of these collectors have reported nothing, yet some have been working for us with great energy, and with a gratifying degree of success. Nearly all the money we now have in hand came through these collectors, all of whom, but one, were ladies. It is truly delightful to see the interest which some of the ladies of our Church manifest in the education of our young preachers; and to them, more than any other class, we owe our present success. Indeed, but for them, such has been the scarcity of money, and so utterly have all our plans failed, that we should have been compelled to bring our work to a close. The adoption of our present plan, and the fidelity of our ladies have saved us. Notwithstanding there was a larger number of young preachers received on trial in the Conference at our present session than at any previous session since the war, yet we feel the strongest conviction that there is still a lack of well-educated young preachers, and that the work of your Board is just as important and just as necessary to assist in keeping up our ministry as it ever has been. Should the number of young preachers in the Conference ever become so large as to justify our withholding or keeping back those under our auspices from coming into the Conference as soon as has been our custom, we can then continue them a longer time at College, and more thoroughly prepare them for their great work. We must look after our pious young men, whom God has called to the ministry, and, according to our ability, assist in giving them such educational advantages as are necessary to prepare them for their work. In view of the importance of educating the pious young men of the Church, whom God has called to the office and work of the ministry, we beg leave to offer the following resolutions for your adoption:

- 1. That we continue to approve of the work of our Educational Board, and that we will co-operate with it in accomplishing its design.
- 2. That the President of the Board be authorized to continue the plan of appointing collectors in all the Churches of our Conference, with such modifications or additions as he may deem necessary to render the plan more perfect, and that the several pastors of the charges be requested to furnish the names of such persons as they may judge suitable for this work to the President of the Board.
- 3. That we change the name of the Board of Managers of the Preachers' Educational Society to "The Preachers' Educational Board," of the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South.

D. P. WILLS, President.

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THE HALL FUND.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Hall Fund of the Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, beg leave to submit the following report for the year ending November 15, 1876:

By cash received, A. H. Redford, Agent, being interest due on the Board of the Southern Methodist Publishing House By sale of \$54 coupons at 85 per cent	\$129 75 45 90
To balance paid Rev. L. M. Lee, as per order of Conference 18 35 To balance due Hall Fund	\$175 65
Richmond, Va., Nov. 15, 1876. ALEX. G. BROW. W. W. BENNE	

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CASE OF R. S. BROCK vs. THE ADMINISTRATION OF REV. J. A. PROCTOR, PRESIDING ELDER.

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of R. S. Brock against the administration of Rev. Joseph A. Proctor, have examined the papers submitted to them, and desire to report the main facts in the case, and to recommend the action which, in their judgment, this Conference should adopt.

R. S. Brock, a member of Gordonsville Station, was tried November 8, 1875, ... before the Church on the following charge and specifications:

Charge—" Neglect of duty and disobedience to the order and discipline of the Church.

Specification 1.—"Not attending public worship and the ministry of the Word. Specification 2.—"Refusing to pay assessment for the support of the ministry and for defraying the current expenses of the Church."

The only witness examined under the first specification testified that he did not remember to have seen Brother Brock at Church for some two or three months; but, on cross-examination, admitted that he may have been there on two occasions during that period.

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Witnesses stated that he was assessed twelve dollars and fifty cents; that he paid two dollars, and that he did not rufuse, but did neglect to pay the balance.

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The verdict of the Church was: The first specification is sustained with no mitigating circumstances. Second specification is sustained with no mitigating circumstances. The specifications sustain the charge. We therefore find him guilty of the charge preferred. The accused signified his intention to appeal.

At the next Quarterly Conference, January 15, 1876, the question was asked, Are there any appeals? Answer—R. S. Brock appeals from trial of November 8, 1875, of M. E. Church, South, against R. S. Brock. His appeal was read by the Secretary, then the charge and the specification, and the judgment of the court below was also read; whereupon, on motion, the Conference determined not to entertain the appeal (7 to 1).

Two of the grounds on which the appeal was taken are these: 1. "Appeal is taken from the finding, because the evidence does not sustain the finding." 5. "Appeal is taken, because the necessary steps to such a trial were not had, as required by the Discipline." The appellant submitted a paper containing a number of legal questions, on which he asked the decision of the Presiding Elder, "for the protection of appellant and of the Church." We quote one of these points of law. "Eighth—No member of said Church can be expelled therefrom on a charge of neglect of duty or disobedience to the order and discipline of the Church, nor for both combined, on first complaint or act, nor until other corrections have been applied." As the appeal was not entertained, the Presiding Elder gave no decision of the legal questions.

The right of appeal is guaranteed to every minister and to every member of our Church. It is considered so sacred and important as to be guarded by a constitutional provision. The fifth restriction on the powers of the General Conference is this: "They shall not do away the privileges of our ministers or preachers of trial by a committee, and of an appeal; neither shall they do away the privileges of our members of trial before the Church, or by a committee, and of an appeal. Ch. 6, Sec 5, "Of the Trial of a Member," p. 145, we read: Nevertheless in all the above-mentioned cases of trial and expulsion, an appeal to the ensuing Quarterly Conference shall be allowed, if the condemned person signify to the pastor his intention to appeal at the time of his condemnation, or at any time thereafter when he is informed thereof." Ch. 7, Sec. 3, Paragraph 1, reads: "If there be a murmur or complaint from any excluded person, that justice has not been done in the trial before the Church or committee, he shall be allowed an appeal to the next Quarterly Conference." It is true that the Quarterly Conference may refuse for sufficient reasons to entertain an appeal. But they cannot do so arbitrarily; and in this case it appears that the appeal was taken in conformity with the law, and no ground was assigned for not hearing it. No opportunity was given to correct any errors of the preacher who presided at the trial, in this instance a young man and a probationer in the Conference, or of the Church before whom the trial was had. A remedy secured to every member of our Church by the Discipline was thus denied to the complainant.

The committee therefore believe that the Presiding Elder was guilty of maladministration in allowing the Quarterly Conference to dismiss the appeal without a hearing; but they find no reason to suspect any improper spirit or inten-

tion on his part. If he erred, it was in his construction of the law. We recommend:

- 1. That the appeal of R. S. Brock be remanded to the Quarterly Conference of Gordonsville Station for trial.
 - 2. That the character of Rev. Joseph A. Proctor do pass.

J. C. GRANBERY,
W. C. VADEN,
J. POWELL GARLAND,
Committee.

(IVI)

APPEAL OF J. P. BROCK FROM THE DECISION OF GORDONS-VILLE STATION QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

The committee appointed to consider the appeal case of Rev. J. P. Brock, met, according to appointment, in the pastor's study of Broad Street M. E. Church, South, Richmond, Virginia, November 23d, 1876, Rev. J. H. Davis in the chair, W. H. Christian was elected Secretary. After prayer, by Rev. J. L. Clarke, the records of the Quarterly Conference, bearing on the case, were read. Rev. J. H. Amiss represented Rev. J. P. Brock before the committee. Exception was taken—1st. That advisement, admonition, &c., was not given to the defendant previous to the arrest of his character, trial and deposition. 2d. That the case was not tried at the next succeeding Quarterly Conference, but was put off until the second. 3d. That the defendant was deposed from the ministry by a motion upon complaint without charge or charges and specification.

Rev. J. A. Proctor represented the Quarterly Conference. After the retirement of the appellant, on motion of Rev. W. E. Judkins, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, having given a careful hearing of the case, we find that the ground of the appeal are not sustained, and we affirm the judgment of the court below.

J. H. DAVIS, Chairman,
W. H. CHRISTIAN, Secretary,
WILLIAM E. JUDKINS,
W. F. BAIN,
JOHN D. SOUTHALL,
J. L. CLARKE,
JAMES M. ANDERSON,
R. M. SAUNDERS,
WILLIAM P. WRIGHT.

VI.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION, AND THE CLASSES FOR 1877.

To Examine Candidates for Admission.

William McGee, Chairman; William G. Williams, Thomas A. Ware, James L. Spencer.

First Year.

COMMITTEE.—Thomas L. Williams, Chairman; M. S. Colonna, Jacob H. Proctor, Josiah D. Hank.

CLASS.—R. M. Chandler, B. F. Lipscomb, N. J. Pruden, J. T. Mastin, J. M. Burton, N. B. Foushee, R. H. Younger, W. H. Edwards, W. O. Waggener, J. E. Barrow, J. C. Rosser, S. H. Johnson, W. E. Evans, C. E. Wren, J. B. Deberry.

Second Year.

COMMITTEE.—James O. Moss, Chairman; D. M. Wallace, James W. Bledsoe, Thomas M. Beckham.

CLASS.—S. A. Steel, L. B. Betty, J. E. Deshazo, W. W. Lear, Paul Bradley, W. W. Royall.

Third Year.

COMMITTEE.—G. C. Vanderslice, Chairman; James M. Anderson James W. Blincoe, Joseph B. Merritt.

CLASS.—F. C. Woodward, W. H. Atwill, J. H. Dalby, C. D. Crawley, B. S. Herring, W. J. Twilley, J. W. Shackford, J. H. Maynard.

Fourth Year.

COMMITTEE.—Robert N. Sledd, Chairman; W. E. Edwards, W. C. Vaden, E. H. Pritchett.

CLASS.—J. H. Kabler, H. C. Paulett, J. H. Patteson, C. H. Green, H. M. Hope, J. H. Maynard, J. T. Moore.

VII.—GENERAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1876.

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VIII.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1876-77.

Richmond District.—Nicholson-Street, \$150; Jamestown, \$250; Williamsburg, \$300; New Kent, \$100. Total, \$800.

Charlottesville District.—Piedmont Mission, \$200; Salem, \$125; Barboursville, \$300; Gordonsville, \$300. Total, \$925.

Lynchburg District.—Madison, \$300; Leesville, \$100; South Campbell, \$150; Jackson Circuit, \$150. Total, \$700.

Danville District.—Dan River Mission, \$200; Bannister Circuit, \$200; Alleghany Mission, \$300. Total, \$700.

Petersburg District.—Chesterfield, \$200; Ettrick, \$300; Blandford, \$250; Wesley Chapel, \$100. Total, \$850.

Norfolk District.—Queen-Street, \$250; Berkley, \$150; Second-Street, **\$**250. Total, \$650.

Murfreesboro District.—Dare Circuit, \$200. Total, \$200.

Farmville District.—Dennisville, \$300; Clarkesville, \$300; Pleasant Grove Mission, \$200. Total, \$800.

Randolph Macon District.—West Goochland, \$250; Bowling Green, \$200; Essex, \$100; Spotsylvania, \$100. Total, \$650.

Eastern Shore District.—Dorchester Mission, \$200; Wicomico, \$375. Total, \$575.

Northern Neck District.—Montross, \$100. Total, \$100.

German Mission.—\$1,400. Total, \$1,400.

Total appropriation, \$8,350.

J. E. EDWARDS, Chairman.

A. C. BLEDSOE, Secretary.

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Total 261 95 9.909 00 8.625 98 1,316 02 720 00 475 76 411 00 5 00 344 10 5 00 153 00 128 68 270 00 235 67	CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT. Charlottesville	100 00 12 00 21 65 6 50 21 70 8 00 40 00 17 00 25 00	1,365 00 1,000 00 900 00 850 00 700 00 575 00 600 00 350 00 292 00 500 00 617 00 800 00 200 00	1,221 80 818 00 795 56 850 00 546 42 490 00 412 75 331 85 257 40 415 00 429 81 650 00 745 3 100 00	143 20 182 00 104 44 153 58 85 00 187 25 18 15 34 60 85 00 130 19 54 70 100 00 37 91	55 00 88 00 78 00 50 00 55 00 72 00 15 00 65 00 19 00 19 00 58 00 88 00	43 30 80 00 55 42 61 15 00 39 50 15 00 20 00 19 00 19 92 29 00 63 48	60 05 31 10 46 11 41 00 29 00 20 55 23 16 9 75 26 34 24 00 45 00	5 00	37 00 47 25 29 50 19 00 13 50 22 55 15 25 15 25 33 00 60 00	5 00	11 00 18 75 16 70 10 50 11 55 15 30 3 50 13 90 4 50 4 50 11 80 18 75	11 04 18 75 16 70 10 50 10 25 6 00 3 50 10 00 4 50 4 94 7 00 13 00	20 00 33 00 29 50 21 00 30 00 6 25 22 10 7 50 7 50 20 00 33 00	37 50 33 00 29 50 21 00 5 25 9 00 10 00 19 00 7 50 8 00 12 00 28 42 15 50

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT: Centenary, Lynchburg Madison Mission Court Street Amherst West Amherst Amherst Mission Beäford Jackson South Bedford	5 00 15 00	1,600 00 700 00	1,474 28 1,600 00 136 98 2,100 00 351 00 422 84 150 00 877 46 170 38 230 12	563 92 179 00 77 16 37 55 99 62	80 78 97 77 39 25 47 08 78 50 15 64	106 72 19 00 18 14 42 35	172 40 19 25 22 75 5 75 8 50	40 00	14 09 47 00 4 04	9 93	20 77 8 34 10 00 16 80 3 32 8 34	17 60 21 00 4 50 3 63 6 25 1 25 5 00	30 30 36 66 14 77 17 65 29 43 5 86 14 71	30 30 37 00 15 00 6 97 5 35 1 60 4 38
Bedford Springs Leesville Liberty Nelson Appomattox Campbell South Campbell	23 00	500 00 477 00 512 60 1,000 00	556 00 120 00 500 00 331 80 637 60 651 91 177 50 459 80	145 20 348 09	10 47 20 94 36 70 62 35	5 30 20 94 21 00 20 00	26 18		16 88 15 00 15 00 31 50		13 00 2 22 4 45 7 79 13 33 15 00 13 89	13 00 4 45 7 79 5 00 15 00	21 00 3 92 7 85 13 76 26 48	21 00 7 85 10 12 6 64 6 75
Buckingham Mount Pleasant Prospect Total FARMVILLE DISTRICT:	158 50 150 00	700 00 880 00 14,559 35 1,400 00	469 79 792 58 12,210 03 1,228 00	230 21 87 42 3 2,771 82 172 00	54 73 63 53 880 00	40 25 545 ·13	23 00 20 00 533 28	40 00	23 65 37 00 455 51 35 00		11 63 13 50 187 00 12 15	8 00 9 45 131 17 	20 52 23 82 330 00 	206 17
Farmville. Prince Edward Lunenburg. Boydton. Clarkesville. Boydton Circuit. Mecklenburg. Brunswick. West Brunswick. South Brunswick		1,150 00 850 00 930 00 450 00 200 00 400 00 775 00 960 00 158 00 633 00	1,150 00 527 00 805 73 450 00 120 75 335 57 775 00 777 81 158 00 509 55	323 00 124 27 79 25 64 43 182 19 123 45	72 41 82 85 34 29 14 28 57 76 85 76 34 29 48 57 52 00	13 70 34 15 24 25 14 28 16 00 85 76 34 29 20 00 25 50	13 70 . 20 00 . 32 30	15 00	40 06 25 00 22 25 4 00 12 00 60 00 26 58 12 00 20 25	5 00	15 18 17 62 7 29 3 04 12 15 18 23 7 29 10 32 10 00	8 00 10 00 7 25 2 00 6 42 18 23 7 29 3 00 5 00	26 78 31 08 12 81 5 36 21 42 32 13 12 86 18 21 20 00	13 13 31 08 12 00 5 36 6 00 32 13 3 62 7 00 9 40
Nottoway	35 00	1,000 00 700 00 500 00 950 00 11,056 00	950 00 620 80 401 77 873 05 9,683 03	79 20 98 23	74 28 71 42 42 84 40 00 800 00	21 42 35 84 20 00	28 50 44 58 15 00	25 00.	25 36 29 66 10 00	21 00	15 18 15 18 9 12 16 00 170 00	7 62 10 00	26 78 16 08 25 00	15 78 14 08 15 00

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Traveling Expenses.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	Raised in Chur'hs	Raised in S. Schools.	Raised in Chur'hs	in S.	Asse'sed	Paid.	Asses'ed	Paid.
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT: Iurfreesboro. Forthampton. Icherrin. Bertie. Adenton. Hertford. Pasquotank Flizabeth City. Iuffolk. Gates. Iouthampton. Chuckatuek. Forth Southampton. Dare.	15 00 54 00 10 00 28 16 9 00 15 00 16 30	1,750 00 600 00 800 00 800 00 1,075 00 225 00 1,200 00 1,200 00 1,200 00 1,100 00 735 00 600 00 900 00 280 00	1,445 38 600 00 660 55 328 92 717 56 198 15 1,128 09 902 00 924 10 1,000 00 1,037 50 656 04 501 79 838 00 280 00	304 62 139 45 271 08 357 44 26 85 71 91 298 00 275 90 62 50 78 96 98 21 62 00	70 00 80 00 50 00 95 00	70 00 55 00 20 00 33 01 15 00 100 00 40 00 50 00 24 00 68 00 20 00 26 50 14 20 15 00	26 00 78 00 10 00 36 00 39 00	5 00 20 00 70 00	20 00 16 00 26 25 15 00	5 00 12 00 83 00 35 75	12 50 16 00 10 00 22 50 5 00 22 50 20 00 10 00 12 00 22 50 10 00 8 00 10 00 5 00	12 50 14 00 8 00 19 56 5 00 22 50 13 00 7 00 22 29 10 00 8 00 10 00 5 00	22 50 35 00 5 00 42 50 	15 00 21 00 15 00 23 34 5 00 15 00 5 30 30 00 20 00 5 00 11 20
Total DANVILLE DISTRICT: Iain Street., Danville yun Street., " harlotte. Vest Charlotte outh of Dan linggold aunister itsylvania rauklin last Franklin Jenry atrick ban River Ialifax	10 00 14 00	1,200 00 2,000 00 1,700 00 600 00 200 00 1,036 09 115 00 450 00 750 00 500 00 800 00 400 00 40 00 600 00	1,015 26 2,000 00 1,700 00 442 12 161 11 860 74 96 11 227 65 592 00 369 79 190 15 388 78 400 00 40 00 565 00	184 74	45 36 41 00 37 11 20 12 72 63 54 00 50 56	33 50 66 36 20 00 5 13 00 24 29 33 50 66 36 20 00 5 15 13 00 23 39	60 00 105 73 10 00 7 00 29 48 2 40 18 00 54 50 20 00 2 10 8 00 29 50 1 71		84 00 40 00 5 00 5 00 19 06 1 10 11 40 52 50 10 00 45		9 50- 8 75- 10 13 4 32 16 66 	9 50 8 75 6 10 2 00 12 23 8 15 8 00 10 65 5 50 5 03 7 65 83 91	17 88 7 62 28 00 	7 62 17 14 7 62 17 14 7 00 18 64 10 00 1 10 3 50 8 88

Eastern Shore District: Eastville Bell Haven Pungoteague Onancock Atlantic Wicomico Salisbury Berlin Dorchester Dorchester Mission Cambridge	15 00 20 00 20 00 22 00 23 00 12 00 15 75 236 75	700 00 150 00 835 00 1,130 00 1,200 00 350 00 600 00 1,100 00 	131 00 835 00 1,130 00 1,200 00 295 67 600 00 347 00 1,022 51 60 50 600 00 7,840 16	30 52 19 00 54 33 13 00 77 49 245 34	55 00 17 00 68 00 65 00 79 00 42 00 42 00 36 00 90 00 	25 00 65 00 81 00 6 00 42 00 9 00	2 00 35 00 80 00 85 00 15 00	33 00	11 50 3 50 14 25 13 50 17 50 9 00 9 00 7 50 18 25 9 00 119 00	10 39 5 00 13 50 20 00 7 50 15 00 9 00 7 50 15 00 9 9 00 9 9 00	21 00 6 25 25 00 24 00 30 00 15 75 15 75 13 50 32 50 15 75 210 00	7 25 24 00 35 00 15 75 3 50 12 76 130 01
PETERSBURG DISTRICT: Wa hington Street. Blandford. Market Street. Wesley Chapel. High Street and Battersea. Ettrick. Chesterfield. Coalfield and Clover Hill. Chesterfield Mission. Din widdie. West Din widdie. Sussex. Hicksford. Prince George. Surry.	9 60 25 00 7 55 54 98 5 75 	1,100 03 2,100 00 	191 42 2,450 00 400 00	93 52 92 80 84 05 171 82 403 07	136 00 110 00 27 00 55 00 18 00 54 00 81 00 62 00 68 00 68 00	28 00 4 35 81 00 50 00 42 35 23 00	221 47 117 27 195 12 39 35 5 00 5 00 23 03	109 23 58 63 120 99 26 13 5 00 5 00 45 00	18 00 12 00 15 00 15 00	29 00 6 00 8 00 2 50 10 00 5 00 18 00 12 00 8 00	7 00 20 00	53 38 42 00 10 00 20 00 7 00 3 00 2 50 30 00 23 00 10 00 9 00
RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT: Ashland Spotsylvania Caroline King George Westmoreland Heathsville Montross Lancaster Middlesex King and Queen King William Essex Hanover West Hanover Goochland West Goochland	10 00 12 73 20 00 15 00 6 25 10 00 7 52 13 00	12,540 00 1,500 00 500 00 140 00 775 00 600 00 675 00 270 00 800 00 900 00 400 00 343 00 175 00 900 00 650 00 160 00	12,078 58 1,137 80 446 00 97 21 549 90 594 54 362 81 637 09 253 00 700 41 900 00 400 00 307 11 175 00 598 41 486 6 245 55 83 91	35 89 301 59 163 24 254 45 76 09	35 00 20 50 54 60 60 00 66 50 55 50 20 00 64 00 55 50 28 00 28 00 12 80 40 00 35 00 24 75 12 80	632 72 41 85 10 93 17 05 49 51 37 50 82 72 13 37 40 58 20 70 24 77 20 00 13 00 30 00 11 59 6 50 6 40 376 47	593 92 173 12 40 00 5 00 10 05	428 53 89 76 46 00	7 50 4 50 11 60 12 70 14 00 11 80 4 25 14 00 11 80 11 80 6 00 2 70 8 80 5 25 2 70	149 05 9 50 2 17 7 50 13 00 10 00 11 80 4 25 7 00 10 20 6 93 6 00 2 75 8 00 3 00 1 35 108 45	330 00 13 10 7 50 20 48 22 50 25 00 20 80 7 50 24 00 20 80 10 50 4 80 15 00 18 10 9 25 4 80 240 00	223 13 16 00 4 14 17 75 22 62 12 79 20 80 7 50 12 00 10 00 11 52 7 94 5 00 4 32 2 30 5 00 2 40 165 08

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—Continued.

	g enses.	s	SALARIES.		CONF. COLLT. MISSIONARY C			COLLECTI'NS.		BISHOPS' F'ND		EDUCATI'NA FUND.		
PASTORAL CHARGES.	Traveling Expenses.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Assessed.	Paid.	Raised in Chur'hs	Raised in S. Schools.	Raised in Chur'hs	Raised in S. Schools.	Asses'ed	Paid.	Asses'ed	Paid.
Norfolk CircuitSouth Norfolk Circuit	8 50 10 00 40 00 32 75 15 50 13 00 11 00	1,800 00; 2,150 00; 750 00; 2,000 00; 1,100 00; 600 00; 1,000 00; 800 00; 850 00; 750 00; 1,100 00;	2,150 00 750 00	100 00 127 82 51 16 111 83	118 00 15 50 115 00 36 00 16 00 62 00 98 00 64 00 85 00 98 00 50 00 35 00	130 35 15 50 101 47 26 50 11 75 64 88 100 00 58 25 35 00 18 00 18 00 50 00	- 159 41 19 37 50 00 20 00 7 00 64 00 50 50 63 11 45 00 68 00 15 00 3 00 62 00	13 00	40 21 31 00 4 00 	6 00 13 18 6 00 105 00 25 00	3 22 24 00 11 00 3 50 13 00 21 00 18 80 18 00 21 00 10 00 7 50	30 48 3 22 25 36 11 00 3 50 16 00 24 00 13 80 10 00 21 00 10 00 6 33	44 00 5 82 43 00 	122 79 5 82 6 89 4 00 24 00 39 00 15 00 30 00 14 00 4 00 10 00 19 00
Total	273 81	17,115 00	16,333 01	781 99	1,000 00	817 70	742 98	27 00	695 21	165 18	212 50	215 69	375 00	347 50

RECAPITULATION—By DISTRICTS.

Richmond District	123 50	19,964 00	19,302 58	725 31			572 42	212 80		198 28		196 12		
Charlottesville District	261 95	9,309 00	8,625 98	1,316 02	720 00	475 76	411 00					128 68	270 00	235 67
Lynchburg District	158 50	14,559 35	12,210 03	2,771 82	880 00	545 13	533 28	40 00	455 51	44 98	187 00	131 17	330 00	206 17
Danville District	24 00	10,491 00	9,048 71	1,442 29	640 00	327 69	378 42		267 61		136 00	83 91	240 00	106 40
Farmville District	316 25	11,056 00	9,683 03	1,372 97	800 00	476 40	406 81	25 00	362 16	21 00	170 00	127 32	300 00	
Petersburg District	246 63	12,540 00	12,078 58	992 36	880 00	632 72	593 92	173 12	428 53	89 76	187 00	149 05	330 00	223 13
Murfreesboro District	350 72	13,265 00	11,218 08	2,046 92	880 00	550 71	395 90	121 25	299 35	157 50	187 00	166 85	330 00	165 84
Norfolk District	273 81	17,115 00	16.333 01	781 99	1,000 00	817 70	742 98	27 00	695 21	165 18	212 50	215 69	375 00	347 50
Randolph Macon District	103 15	9,988 00	7,975 50	2.012 50	640 00	376 47	424 19	19 65	294 46	72 17	136 00	108 45	240 00	165 08
Eastern Shore District	236 75			245 34	560 00	387 00	442 90	15 00	338 41	58 60	119 00	89 39	210 00	130 01
Total	2,095 26	126,912 35	114,315 66	13,707 52	8,000 00	5,467 31	4,901 82	638 82	4,359 91	812 42	1,700 00	1,396 63	3,000 00	2,095 61

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

II—REPORTS OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

1.—Conference Collection.

Balai	nce in	hands of A. G. Brown	, Cha	irn	nan, f	rom la	ast Conference\$	171	
r ron	Obs	mond District						877	78
66							***************************************	475	76
66		chourg					• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		18
66	Dan	V-11C					*****	327	
66							••••••	476	
66		assuig					***** **** ***** *****	632	7:
66	Mur							550	7
66	Nor	IUIA	•••••	••••		• • • • • • •		817	70
	K. I	Iacon District			• • • • • •	•••••		376	4
66	East	ern Shore ".	•••••			• • • • • • • •		387	00
66		Fund	•••••		• • • • • • •		*	157	30
66	Don	nestic Missions for pul	blishi	ng	Minu	tes of	1876	100	04
46	Fore	eign "	66	•	66	of	1876	100	
							\$5	,995	9'
Paid	Confe	erence Secty's bill	\$ 10	60	Paid	Mrs.	W. C. Blount	140	0
66	Bala	ace due for publishing			66	66	A. Boyd	60	-
	Mir	nutes of 1875	134	65	66	66	T. C. Hayes	80	
66	Merc	hant's National Bank			66	66	J. W. Wonnycott	180	
		check-book		00	66	66	J. H. Joyner	120	
66	Rev.	Jacob Shough	120		66	66	R. A. Gregory	200	
46	66	J. C. Garlick	200	- 0	1	66	Julia Wood		
66	66	W. A. Robinson	75	00	66	66	Benjamin Miles	80	-
46	6.6	S. T. Moorman	260		66	66		60	
46	66	B. Devany	200	00	66	66	H. T. Atmore	25	_
66	66	B. M. Williams	40	00	66	66	W. I. Hunter	160	_
66	66	James McAden	75	00	66	66	J. M. Arnold	120	_
66	66	R. Michaels	(6)		66	66	M. C. Spriggs	60	
66	66	G W Nolley	300			66	William Jerdone	80	()
66	66	G. W. Nolley F. A. Davis	200			66	B. H. Johnson	120	0
66	66	William Contan	. 300		1	66	Alex. Stewart	60	0
46	66	William Carter	120				J. McMullan	120	0
66	66	W. C. Taylor	120	00	1 66	66	J. N. Guy	140	0
66		John McCleland	00				A. Penn	80	0
66	Mrs.	Joseph Carson		00		Miss	S. J. Robinson	30	0
.6	66	L. J. Hansberger	120	00	66	"	Ella Wonnycott	30	0
66	66	J. W. Childs	100	00	66	Son	of Rev. J. D. Coulling	40	0
46		B. E. Gibson	120			Willi	e S. Hunter	30	
	66	F. Stanley	80	00		Child	dren of T. C. Jennings	75	-
66	66	M. C. Pierce	180	00	66	Mrs.	G. W. Langhorne	150	0
46	66	Maria Peyton	60	00		Balan	ce in hands of A. G.	200	U
66	66	J. H. Payne	120				wn, Chairman	547	+
	66	M. S. Shelton	100				ATTMITTITUTE	011	-
66	66	m. D. Duellon	-160	UU					

GEORGE M. BAIN, Jr., Treasurer.

November, 1876.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED:

Reports of Treasurer of Joint Board of Finance—Continued.	
2.—BISHOPS' FUND.	
Collected \$1,396 Paid Bishop Kavanaugh's travelling expenses \$ 66 10 Paid Bishop Kavanaugh 1,330 53 \$1,396 66	
GEORGE M. BAIN, Jr., Treasurer.	
November, 1876.	
3.—Educational Fund.	
Am't rec'd from and reported by Preachers at Conference \$2,095 (Vouchers received from Preachers \$437 46	61
Paid W. Willis, Treasurer 1,658 15 \$2,095	61
GEORGE M. BAIN, Jr., Treasurer. November, 1876.	
III—Reports of the Conference Missionary Treasurer.	
1.—Foreign Missions.	
Amount reported by Preachers	00
Payment made by Preachers to Dr. Redford	
Movember, 1876. GEORGE M. BAIN, Jr., Treasurer.	•

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

Reports of the Conference Missionary Treasurer—Continued.

2.—Domestic Missions.	
Balance on hand from last Conference	5,540 64 79 73 5 00
	\$6,164 98
" Appomattox "	55 00

GEORGE M. BAIN, Jr., Treasurer.

November, 1876.

X.

ASSESSMENTS BY BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 1876-77.

DISTRICTS.	Conference	MISSIO	NARY.	Bishops'	Educa-	Aggre-
DISTINIOIS.	Collection.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Fund.	Fund.	gate.
Richmond, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville, Farmville, Petersburg, Murfreesboro, Norfolk, Randolph Macon, Eastern Shore, North'n Neck,	1000 00 720 00 880 00 640 00 800 00 890 00 880 00 1000 00 374 00 560 00 266 00	1000 00 720 00 880 00 640 00 800 00 880 00 880 00 1000 00 374 00 560 00 266 00	775 00 560 00 685 00 500 00 625 60 685 00 680 00 775 00 300 00 435 00 200 00	213 00 153 00 187 00 136 00 170 00 187 00 187 00 212 00 82 00 119 00 54 00	375 00 270 00 330 06 240 00 300 00 330 00 330 00 375 00 144 00 210 00 96 00	\$363 00 2423 00 2962 00 2156 00 2695 00 2962 00 2959 00 3362 00 1274 00 1884 00 882 00
Total,	8000 00	8000 00	6220 00	1700 00	3000 00	26922 00

ALEX. G. BROWN, Chairman.

LOUIS L. MARKS, Secretary.

ON ACCOUNT OF MINUTES.	
Minutes of Session of 1875 in account with ALEX. G. BROWN, Chair	rman.
To amount of bill rendered	\$ 382 6 0
· \$ 382 60	\$ 382 60
Approved by the Board November 22d, 1876.	
Donations:	
By special collection at Conference	\$224 69
Total	\$224 69 nairman.

XI-

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

I.—TRAVELING MINISTERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of admission on trial into the travelling connection.

The letters denote, E-Elder; D-Deacon; P-Probationer; Sy-Supernumerary; Sd-Superannuated.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) were not present during the session.

NAMES.	· ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Allen, Wm. E. 2. Ames, Benjamin T.* 3. Amiss, Joseph H. 4. Anderson, James M. 5. Armistead, Robt. A. 6. Atwill, William H. 7. August, Peter F. 8. Bacon, Herbert T. 9. Bain, William F. 10. Barrow, John E. 11. Bayley, John 12. Bayton, Thomas J. 13. Beadles, Robert B. 14. Beckham, Thos. M. 15. Bennett, Wm. W. 16. Betty, Lewis B. 17. Bishop, Milton L. 18. Blackwell, John D. 19. Bledsoe, Adam C. 20. Bledsoe, James W. 21. Blincoe, James W. 22. Blogg, Edward N. S. 23. Boggs, Thomas H. 24. Boggs, Francis J. 25. Boggs, Charles H. 26. Booker, George E. 27. Bowles, Henry C. 28. Bradley, Paul 29. Brannin, James F. 30. Brown, Alex. G. 31. Burton, John M. 32. Butts, Daniel G. C. 33. Campbell, Thos. H.	1850 1858 1854 1857 1868 1874 1846 1865 1851 1876 1840 1846 1855 1848 1846 1861 1869 1857 1860 1855 1846 1851 1859 1850 1875 1845 1853 1876 1870 1870		Smithfield, Isle of Wight co., Va. Locustville, Accomac co., Va. Onancock, Accomac co., Va. Danville, Va. 204 S. Third street, Richmond, Va. Charlie Hope, Brunswick co., Va. Gordonsville, Orange co., Va. Williamsburg. Va. Liberty, Bedford co., Va. Amelia C. H Va. Lynchburg, Va. Bowling Green, Caroline co., Va. Richmond, Va. Cartersville, Cumberland co., Va. Richmond, Va. Charles City C. H., Va. Lynch's Station, Campbell co., Va. Lynchburg, Va. Lynchburg, Va. Danville, Va. Amelia C. H., Va. 425 Mount street, Baltimore, Md. Marengo, Mecklenburg co., Va. Madison C. H., Va. Gravel Hill, Buckingham co., Va. Richmond, Va. Meadsville, Halifax co., Va. Richmond, Va. Nelson C. H., Va. Petersburg, Va. Orange C. H., Va. Heathsville, Northumberland co., Va. Gatesville, Gates co., N. C.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
34. Camper, William H.* 35. Carter, William* 36. Chandler, Richard M. 37. Cheatham, Henry C. 38. Christian, William H. 39. Clarke, Joseph S. R. 40. Clarke, John L. 41. Colonna, Major S. 42. Compton, James W. 43. Compton, Robert A. 44. Connelly, James W. 45. Crawley, Charles D. 46. Crider, John W. 47. Crocker, William A. 48. Crooks, Robert N. 49. Crown, James H. 50. Dalby, James H. 51. Daugherty, Bev. W. 52. Davis, Joseph H. 63. Davis, Fielding A. 54. Deberry, Junius B. 55. Deshazo, John E. 56. Dey, John B. 57. Doniphan, Alex. 58. Duncan, James A. 59. Early, Thomas H.* 60. Edwards, John E. 61. Edwards, Joseph J. 62. Edwards, William E. 63. Edwards, William E. 64. Edwards, William E. 65. Ferguson, Richard 67. Fishburn, P. H. 68. Foushee, Nathan B. 69. Garrett, Joshua L. 70. Garland, J. Powell 71. Garlick, John C.* 72. Gary, Hartwell, H. 73. Gates, James E. 74. Gibbs, Esmond A. 75. Gregory, Robert A. 76. Green, Charles H. 77. Gregory, Robert A. 78. Gregory, Werter H. 79. Guy, Lewis A.	1859 1836 1876 1857 1852 1839 1848 1858 1860 1862 1860 1874 1855 1856 1874 1855 1856 1876 1876 1876 1866 1876 1866 1876 187	Syd PEEEEEEDEEEEDEEEPPEEESY EEEEPPEEEEDSEEEDSEEEDSEEEEDSEEEEDSEEEEBOSEEEEDSEEEEDSEEEBOSEEEEBOSEEEEBOSEEEEBOSEEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEEEBOSEBOS	Orange C. H., Va. Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va. Spottsylvania C. H., Va. Lynchburg, Va. Norfolk, Va. Hicksford, Greenville co., Va. Liberty, Bedford co., Va. Liberty, Bedford co., Va. Liberty, Bedford co., Va. Liberty, Bedford co., Va. Elizabeth City, N. C. Newsom's Depot, Southampton co., Va. Portsmouth, Va. Philip's Store, Surry co., Va. Martinsville, Henry co., Va. Emmerton, Richmond co., Va. Harrellsville, Bertie co., N. C. Churchland, Norfolk co., Va. Taylor's Island, Dorchester co., Md. Pungoteague, Accomac co., Va. Hague, Westmoreland co., Va. Upper Trappe, Wicomico co., Va. Richmond C. H., Va. Penn's Store, Patrick co., Va. Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va. Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va. Ashland, Hanover co., Va. Lynchburg, Va. Richmond. Va. Princess Anne, C. H., Va. Portsmouth, Va. Danville, Va. Culpeper C. H., Va. Walkerton, King and Queen co., Va. Whittle's Depot, Pittsylvania co., Va. Berlin, (Eastern Shore) Md. Hertford, N. C. Petersburg, Va. Garysburg, N. C. Red Hill, Albemarle co., Va. Scottsville, Albemarle co., Va. Charlotte C. H., Va. Nashville, Tennessee. Monquin, King William co., Va. Lynchburg, Va. Petersburg, Va. Petersburg, Va. Petersburg, Va. Chester, Chesterfield co., Va.
80. Hall, Alexander M. 81. Hank, Josiah D. 82. Herring, Benjamin S. 83. Hilldrup, John W. 84. Hobday, Charles E. 85. Hodges, Benjamin F. 86. Hope, Hebert M.	185 187 186 186	7 E 4 D 6 E 7 E 7 E	Chester, Chesterheid co., Va. Cambridge, Dorchester co., Md. Point Easton, Caroline co., Va. Fiint Hill, Rappahannock co., Va. Chuckatuck, Nansemond co., Va. Pittsylvania C. H., Va. Amherst C. H., Va.

NAMES.	ENTERED TINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
87. Howard, John W. 88. Hughes, James A. 89. Hunter, Joshua S. 90. Jamieson, James 91. Johnson, S. H. 92. Jones, John N. 93. Jordan, William P. 94. Jordan, Edward M. 95. Judkins, William E. 96. Kabler, John H. 97. Lafferty, John J. 98. Lambeth, Samuel S. 99. Laughon, William A. 100. Laurens, John B. 101. Lear, Joseph 102. Lear, William W. 103. Lee, Leroy M. 104. Lipscomb, Bernard F. 105. Littleton, Oscar 106. Lumpkin, Wm. G. 107: Lumpkin, James T. 108. Lumsden, James D. 109. Manning, Jacob 110. Martin, James C. 111. Mastin, Joseph T. 112. Maynard, James H. 143. McAden, James 144. McCleland. John* 145. McGee, William 166. McSparran James E. 117. Merritt, Joseph B. 118. Michaels, Robert 119. Mitchell, Hez. P. 120. Moore, Lloyd 121. Moore, John T. 122. Moorman, S. T. 123. Moorman, R. J. 124. Moss, James O. 125. Meyer, Gotlieb 126. Nolley Geo. W. 127. Norfleet, Wm. J. 128. Paulett, Henry C. 129. Patterson, John H. 130. Payne. William E. 131. Peterson, Feter A. 132. Peterson, Edward M. 133. Potts, Joseph E.* 134. Pritchett, Edgar H. 135. Proctor, Joseph A.	1845 1869 1870 1829 1876 1866 869 1853 1873 1857 1857 1857 1850 1854 1870 1854 1870 1838 1839 1859 1876 1843 1847 1845 1843 1845 1845 1845 1845 1845 1854 1852 1854 1852 1854 1852 1856 1854 1855 1854 1855 1854 1855 1856 1856 1856 1856 1856 1856 1856	EEEEPEEEEPEPEEEEEEPDSSEEESESDSEEESE	Palmyra, Fluvunna co., Va. Coalfield, Chesterfield co., Va. Louisa C. H., Va. Clarkesville, Mecklenburg co., Va. Gatesville, Gates co., N. C. Portsmouth. Va. Margarettsville, Northampton co., N. C. Box 314, Norfolk, Va. Richmond, Va. Dover Mines, Goochland co., Va. Richmond, Va. Norfolk, Va. Holcomb's Rock, Bedford co., Va. Hampton, Va. Petersburg, Va. Prince George C. H., Va. Ashland, Hanover co., Va. Norfolk, Va. Gloucester C. H., Va. Cambridge, Accomac co., Va. Surry C. H., Va. Cambridge, Accomac co., Va. Surry C. H. Va. South Hill, Mecklenburg co., Va. Smithfield, Isle of Wight co., Va. Elizabeth City, N. C. Concord, Campbell co., Va. Temperanceville, Accomac co., Va. Ashland, Hanover co., Va. Racible, Northampton co., Va. Eastville, Northampton co., Va. Richmond, Va. Salisbury, (Eastern Shore) Md. Holly Dale, Lunenburg co., Va. Richmond, Va. Ashland, Hanover co., Va. Richmond, Va. Ashland, Hanover co., Va. Richmond, Va. Ashland, Hanover co., Va. Cambridge, Maryland. Stanardsville, Greene co., Va. Cambridge, Maryland. Stanardsville, Greene co., Va. Cambridge, Maryland. Stanardsville, Greene co., Va. Cambridge, Maryland. Stanardsville, Ch., Va. Cambridge, Va. Charlottesville, Va. Charlottesville, Va.
136. Proctor, Jacob H. 137. Pruden, Nath'l. J. 138. Ray, George H. 139. Reed, Lemuel S.	1857 1876 1853 1849	PE	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie co., Va. Gloucester C. H., Va. Prospect, Prince Edward co., Va. Norfolk, Va.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
141. Rhodes, John Q. 142. Riddick, James A.* 143. Riddick, Joseph H. 144. Robins, Wilbur F. 145. Robinson, Wm. A. 146. Rosser, Leonidas 147. Rosser, John C. 148. Rowe, John G. 149. Rowzie, Wm. B. 150. Royall, Wm. W. 151. Saunders, John M.	1868 1869 1838 1854 1850 1838 1876 1849 1875 1842 1874 1857 1842 1857 1859 1857 1865 1867 1867 1861 1874	EESEESEPEEPESEEEEEPESEEDEEE	Blacks and Whites, Nottoway co., Va. Jackson. Northampton, co., N. C. Stony Creek, Sussex co., Va. Petersburg, Va. Berkley, Norfolk co., Va. Ashland, Hanover co., Va. Ashland, Hanover co., Va. Stony Creek, Sussex co., N. C. Bowling Green, Carolina co., Va. Charlotte C. H., Va. West Point, King William co., Va. Farmville, Va. Norfolk, Va. Glendale, Henrico co., Va. Patrick C. H., Va. Richmond, Va. South Boston, Charlotte co., Va. Chatham, Pittsylvania co., Va. Chatham, Pittsylvania co., Va. Grafton, York co., Va. Murfreesboro', N. C. Richmond, Va. New London, Bedford co., Va. Kent Island, Md. Camden C. H., N. C. Rocky Mount, Franklin co., Va. Rexburg, Essex co., Va. Matthews C. H., Va. Matthews C. H., Va. Matthews C. H., Va. Manchester, Va. Oak Forrest. Cumberland co., Va.
171. Waggener, Willie O. 172. Wallace, David M. 173. Ware, Thomas A. 174. Watson, J. Carson 175. Watts, Robert W. 176. Watts, Charles E. 177. Wertenbaker, C. C. 178. White, John W. 179. Whitehead, Paul 180. Wiles, Alfred 181. Wills, Davis P. 182. Williams, Benj. M.* 183. Williams, Wm. G. 184. Williams, Thos. L. 185. Wilson, Edward P. 186. Wise, Thomas P. 187. Woodward, Benj. F. 188. Woodward, Benj. F. 189. Woodward, F. C. 190. Wren, Charles E. 191. Wright, Wm. P. 192. Wright, George M. 193. Younger, Robert H.	1876 1853 1848 1859 1857 1866 1868 1858 1846 1858 1844 1858 1874 1876 1867	PEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE	Hertford, N. C. Stony Creek, Sussex co., Va. Charlottesville, Albemarle co., Va. Smithfield, Isle of Wight co., Va. Mechum's River, Albemarle co., Va. King George C. H., Va. Temperanceville, Accomac co., Va. Montross, Westmoreland co., Va. Farmville, Va. Saluda, Middlesex co., Va. 305 W. Main St., Richmond, Va. Savoy, Fanin co., Texas. Atlee's, Hanover co., Va. Lancaster C. H., Va. Ashland, Hanover co., Va. Currituck C. H., N. C. Murfreesboro', N. C. Franklin, Southampton co., Va. Murfreesboro', N. C. Clover Hill, Chesterfield co., Va. Williamsburg, Va. Richmond, Va. Union Hall, Franklin co., Va.

I I.—LAY DELEGATES PRESENT 1876.

NAMES.	DISTRICT REPRESENTED.	POSTOFFICES.
1. Ames, J. L.	Richmond.	West Point, Va.
2. Anderson, T. W.	Eastern Shore,	Cambridge, Md.
3. Anderson, Dr. G.	Richmond,	Plain View, King and Queen co., Va.
4. Baker, C. C.	Ran. Macon	Montross, Westmoreland co., Va.
5. Boggs, F. T.	Eastern Shore,	Pungoteague, Accomac co., Va.
6. Bouldin, Dr. R. E.	Danville,	Aspinwall, Charlotte co., Va.
7. Branch, Thomas	Richmond,	Richmond, Va.
8. Brodwater, Dr. J. E	Eastern Shore,	Temperanceville, Accomac co., Va.
9. Brown, P. W.	Lynchburg,	Gravel Hill Rushingham as Wa
10. Chandler, W. T.	Ran. Macon,	Gravel Hill, Buckingham co., Va.
11. Crowder, P. B.	Farmville,	Bowling Green, Caroline co., Va. Amelia C. H., Va.
12. Davis, W. T.		
13. Davis, T. Wiley	Petersburg,	Petersburg, Va.
14. Dawson, J. H.	Richmond,	Richmond, Va.
	Norfolk,	Norfolk, Va.
15. Fortune, Rev. J. 16. Fulton, W. J.	Danille,	Howardsville, Albemarle co., Va.
17 Cornett T W	Danville,	Danville, Va.
17. Garrett, T. W.	Ran. Macon,	King and Queen C. H., Va.
18. Grant, Rev. Wm.	Murfreesboro,	Jackson, N. C.
19. Hamlin, T. B.	Petersburg,	Church Road, Dinwiddie co., Va.
20. Jones, F. B.	Lynchburg,	Spout Spring, Appomattox co., Va.
21. Jopling, W. R.	Lynchburg,	Goode's Crossing, Bedford co., Va.
22. Kilby, J. R.	Murfreesboro,	Suffolk, Va.
23. Leitch, T. M.	Farmville,	New Canton, Buckingham co., Va.
24. Mathias, Jas.	Lynchburg,	Lynchburg, Va.
25. Mason, T. W.	Murfreesboro,	Garysburg, N. C.
26. McDonald, Rev. J.		Rexburg, Essex co., Va.
27. McMullan, W. T.	Murfreesboro,	Hertford, N. C.
28. Murray, H. W.	Charlottesville,	Louisa C. H., Va.
29. Neville, G. L.	Norfolk,	Portsmouth, Va.
30. Pace, J. R.	Danville,	Danville, Va.
31. Paylor, J. H.	Danville,	Danville, Va.
32. Pettus, T. T.	Farmville,	Meherrin Depot, Pr. Edward co., Va.
33. Ragland, J. P.	Danville,	South Boston, Halifax co., Va
34. Shepherd, J. O.	Charlottesville,	Palmyra, Fluvanna co., Va.
35. Smith, Prof. F. H.	Charlottesville,	Charlottesville, Va.
36. Tennille, G. T.	Nortolk,	Hampton, Va.
37. Travers, Rev. L. D.	Eastern Shore,	Taylor's Island, Md.
38. Turner, S. D	Richmond,	Richmond, Va.
39. Webb, W. W.	Farmville,	Lunenburg C. H., Va.
40. West, J. T.	Norfolk,	Lake Drummond, Norfolk co., Va.
41. Wheary. W. H.	Petersburg,	Petersburg, Va.
42. Winfield, Dr. J. A.	Petersburg,	Stony Creek, Sussex co., Va.

XII.—STATISTICS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, FOR 1875.

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Conferences.	Traveling Preach'rs.	Sup'ted Preach'rs.	Local Preach'rs.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Indian Menibers.	Total P'rs and M'b's.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. S. Scholars.	Collection for Conference Claimants.	Collection for Missions.
1. Baltimore 2. Virginia 3. Western Virginia 4. Holston 5. North Carolina 6. South Carolina 7. North Georgia 8. South Georgia 9. Florida 10. Alabama 11. North Alabama 12. Louisiana 13. Mississippi 14. North Mississippi 15. Memphis 16. Tennessee 17. Kentucky 18. Louisville 19. St. Louis 20. South-west Missouri 21. Missouri 22. Western 23. Denver 24. Indian Mission 25. Arkansas 26. White River 27. Little Rock 28. North Texas 30. Texas 31. North-west Texas 32. West Texas 33. German Mission 34. Los Angeles 35. Pacific	178 166 59 161 146 149 170 109 72 105 124 116 192 29 119 126 20 119 18 53 68 77 83 50 105 47 22 195 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 105 10	13 15 1 10 13 11 21 18 8 10 8 8 13 9 9 6 8 7 5 4 8 1 1 3 3 3 2 2 7 8 8 8 8 8 9 9 9 9 8 8 9 9 8 8 8 8 9 8 8 9 8 8 9 8	103 189 133 294 221 136 425 221 97 210 322 75 162 204 276 331 111 214 87 112 141 9 1 185 162 108 152 219 116 233 62 13 17 59	25,165 48,182 12,991 38,087 53,750 40,382 53,520 29,304 28,975 31,680 13,310 20,754 27,828 31,627 40,766 19,306 29,515 10,421 13,931 24,854 2,359 502 313 10,791 11,223 14,641 18,991 11,223 6,734 17,482 5,018 951 875 3,728	89 213 24 140 421 431 68 20 64 16 127 2117 30 9 20 281 7 4	176	25,548 48,765 13,208 38,868 54,551 41,109 54,204 29,652 8.881	1532 1322 361 1311 1590 1693 1899 838 648 1013 759 683 797 231 569 687 374 832 205 325 478 21 34 292 315 336 383 590 494 458 1127 279 137 69 179	1272 2474 754 1936 2505 1682 3042 3689 438 1499 2400 689 772 693 1248 2039 1471 1413 439 603 1032 146 15 293 499 610 541 1060 769 246 1396 367	407 595 198 488 624 456 527 310 117 333 340 119 175 231 383 361 175 206 88 86 256 35 9 33 34 125 97 45 45 119 126 119 127 128 129 129 129 129 129 129 129 129	3599 6084 1364 3059 3835 2740 3470 1921 627 2029 1724 778 1067 1154 2264 2579 1275 1309 597 525 1787 221 63 120 492 733 957 670 475 360 741 273 145 58	21,417 33,687 7,925 23,220 27,787 17,945 27,171 12,332 3,593 14,097 13,917 4,896 6,474 9,340 15,726 17,876 8,875 10,003 5,610 4,063 11,915 1,139 432 943 4,671 5,938 3,745 5,938 3,745 2,741 5,892 1,903 1,003 1,003 2,574 1,003	\$4,550 00 5,920 00 5,722 40 1,001 85 4,333 71 5,424 16 5,158 29 3,859 02 969 43 4,289 95 945 25 1,678 80 2,658 60 1,984 20 1,585 60 2,008 15 1,474 70 1,909 35 1,389 57 1,983 05 2,265 60 63 65 17 00 245 40 642 85 1,426 70 1,181 76 750 40 797 87 1,303 55 383 47 74 60 108 75 550 00	\$ 7,486 89 . 11,764 94 1,252 17 4,587 88 5,469 74 7,003 45 7,623 74 7,275 28 1,526 61 6,124 58 2,308 45 3,242 25 3,295 30 2,689 55 3,267 15 6,342 84 3,403 52 4,633 00 2,638 96 1,649 26 7,924 88 365 00 238 00 187 00 697 30 697 30 697 30 1734 95 2,989 55 1,730 49 1,734 95 2,989 55 1,730 93 1,284 82 985 00 133 75 1,225 00
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